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SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1874.

SENATE.

Mr. BOUTWELL submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of providing for the redemption of mutilated United States currency by the postmasters in the several cities and towns in the United States. Referred.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Claims, reported favorably on the bill for the relief of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company. Passed.

Mr. DAVIS called up the resolution submitted by him last week, requesting information as to the names of officers who owe the Government money, the amounts due, the names of sureties, &c.

Pending discussion, the morning expired and the resolution went over until to-morrow as unfinished business.

The bill for the better government of the District of Columbia, was resumed, and Mr. MORRELL, of Maine, explained its provisions at length.

Mr. BAYARD moved that the bill be laid over until January 16th.

Mr. THURMAN moved to strike out the word "regents" in the bill, wherever it occurred, and insert "commissioners."

By unanimous consent the bill was then laid over till to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSTON introduced a bill to aid the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company to construct a narrow-gauge railway from tidewater to the cities of St. Louis and Chicago. Referred.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate a communication from W. L. McMillan, claiming to be a Senator from Louisiana, and asking a speedy action in his case. Referred.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. MAYNARD, from the Banking Committee, reported back adversely the bill to amend the Internal Revenue law by increasing the tax on the circulation of national banks from one-twelfth to one-fourth of one per cent. per month. Referred.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of certain States and Territories on account of ordnance stores issued during the late civil war. Recommitted.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. E. H. Roberts in the chair, on the Legislative Appropriation bill.

A paragraph for the purchase of postage stamps for the Treasury Department, gave rise to a discussion, in which the question of the restoration of the franking privilege came up.

Mr. G. F. HOAR asked Mr. Garfield whether there had been any diminution of the postoffice deficit by means of the abolition of the franking privilege.

Mr. GARFIELD said he did not know, but he believed that were it not for that abolition, the postoffice deficit would have been greater.

Mr. HOAR—Does not the gentleman know that the deficit has increased?

Mr. GARFIELD—I know that the deficit has increased, but I believe that the repeal of the franking privilege has, to a considerable extent, increased the revenues of the Postoffice Department. I am compelled, however, to say that I do not believe that the repeal of the franking privilege has been as great a blessing as I believed at the time it would be. Still, I do not think we should give it up without a full trial. I do not think that one year's trial is enough. That year was an *annus mirabilis*, a difficult year, a year of famine and distress—not a fair year to judge of reform. Let us give it another year's trial with a Democratic House, and then, with this double vision, we can determine the question.

Mr. KELLEY hoped the paragraph would be struck out and the franking privilege restored. He had it not on his conscience that he had ever voted for its repeal, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that whenever his vote implied favor to its restoration, he had given it. He believed that the free circulation of the Agricultural Report in one year more than paid all frauds that might have been practiced under it. The repeal had been obtained by a fraud in the getting up of memorials by order of the Postmaster General to his forty thousand subordinates, and further fraud in the Postmaster General's official statement that the repeal would save five millions a year. It had not saved one million, nor one hundred thousand. He asked a restoration of the people's rights, the free intercourse between the people and their representatives.

Mr. MAYNARD condemned the repeal of the franking privilege as tending to remove the Government still farther from the people. So far from being reform, in the true sense of the word, it had operated solely to cut off free communication between the people and their representatives.

After further discussion, the motion to strike out the items for official postage stamps was rejected—71 to 77.

After progressing as far as the forty-second page, the committee rose.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, from the Judiciary Committee, reported the Supplementary Civil Rights bill. Ordered printed and recommitted.

Adjourned.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Meeting of Indiana Central Stockholders.

NEW YORK, December 16.—An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railroad was held to-day. The business consisted largely of complaints against the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad and the Pennsylvania Central, and the resolutions adopted by the stockholders of this company at a meeting in Columbus, October 24th. Thos. A. Scott, Mr. Smith, President of the Indiana Central, and others made addresses. The report of the Board of Directors was ordered to be submitted to the stockholders. A long discussion took place in regard to the guarantee on the bonds of the Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-day.—For the Lake region, rain or snow, followed by colder and partly cloudy weather, southwest to northwest winds and rising barometer. For the Middle States, generally cloudy weather, with snow or rain, falling barometer rising temperature, and southerly or westerly winds, with clearing weather in the southern portion. For the Ohio Valley, clearing and cooler weather, southerly winds, shifting to westerly and northerly, and slowly rising barometer. For the canal regions of Pennsylvania and Ohio, the temperature will remain above freezing during the day, and fall decidedly during the night.

A convention of tanners and leather dealers of the Northwest was held at Chicago yesterday.

It is already hinted that if Von Arnim is convicted he will be pardoned at Bismarck's request.

Four inches of snow fell in Nebraska yesterday. The storm extended as far west as North Platte.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has secured the Chicago Exposition building for a depot, and will start trains from there next week.

Indian Agent Bingham, of the Cheyenne river agency, accompanied by a military force, is in pursuit of white men going to the Black Hills.

A schooner, supposed to be the Robert Pettis, of Providence, capsized in a squall on Monday night, and the crew of five men perished, all leaving families.

Rev. L. J. Workman, who was expelled from the Rock River (Illinois) Conference for immorality, and whose wife was tried at Eureka for murder, is to have another trial by the Conference.

The Boston *Herald* says frauds of great magnitude have been discovered in the Charlestown Navy Yard, and that the official concerned has been suspended, pending an investigation at Washington.

The Circuit Court of Frankfort, Ky., has decided that the ruling of the Contesting Board, vacating the office of Clerk of the Court of Appeals, on the ground that T. C. Jones, the elected candidate, was ineligible by reason of having accepted a challenge to fight a duel, was illegal and void.

The white pupils of the New Orleans boys' high school yesterday refused to allow colored boys to enter the school building. Subsequently the white boys appointed a committee to wait upon the Superintendent of Education, but received no definite information of a consolatory character.

The express companies leading into New York and the Erie, Lake Shore, Pennsylvania and Burlington and Missouri Railroad Companies have offered free transportation over their lines, from New York and Philadelphia to Chicago and Omaha, to supplies for the Nebraska grasshopper sufferers.

Look Out for Dealers

that represent they have White River Flour under other brands. This is often done to make sales.

No Holiday Vacations

at the Iron City College, corner of Penn avenue and Sixth. School always in session, and students admitted at any time.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE

France.

THE CENTERS STILL AT THE EXTREMES.

PARIS, December 16.—The Assembly Committee of Thirty met to-day and considered the question of placing the Constitutional bills on the orders of the day. A proposal from the Left Center to give priority to M. Ventavon's bill, was rejected. A motion was then made by the Right Center to place the bill for the organization of a second chamber first, and it was adopted. These proceedings show that all efforts to unite the two Centers have failed.

Germany.

ARREST OF MEMBERS OF THE REICHSTAG.

BERLIN, December 16.—The Reichstag to-day adopted a resolution declaring that, in order to uphold its dignity, an amendment to the Constitution is necessary, to prevent the arrest of a member during the session.

AMERICAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

The German Commission to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia has been appointed. Dr. Jacobi, director of the Section of Commerce and Industry, in the Ministry of Commerce, is President of the Commission, whose headquarters will be in Berlin.

Marine News.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 16.—Steamship Hermann, from New York, arrived.

European Markets.

LONDON, December 16, 5 P. M.—Consols for money 91⅞@91¾; for account 92@92⅛. United States bonds—5-20's, 1865, 106¼; do 1867, 109⅛; 10-40's 104½; new 5's, 102¾. New York Central 93; Erie 25; do preferred 38. Tallow 48s 9d.

PARIS, December 16.—Rentes 61 francs 45 centimes.

ANTWERP, December 16.—Petroleum 27 francs.

LIVERPOOL, December 16.—Cotton quiet and steady; middling upland 7⅛@7¾d; Orleans 7¾d. Sales of 14,000 bales, including 2,000 for speculation and export and 8,900 American. Breadstuffs quiet. Refined petroleum 9@9½d. Beef 80s. Bacon—long clear middles 51s 6d.

CONNECTICUT.

Destructive Fire in Hartford County—Large Silk Factory Destroyed—Loss Two Hundred Thousand Dollars—Two Hundred Workmen Thrown Out of Employment.

HARTFORD, CONN., December 16.—The large mill in Warehouse Point, occupied by the Leonard Silk Company and the Chapin and Barber Silk Company, was destroyed by fire this evening. The machinery was valuable. The loss is total, and will probably exceed half a million dollars. It is believed that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The gas works of the factory supplied the village also, and the fire left the inhabitants in darkness. Two hundred hands are thrown out of employment.

FIRE RECORD.

Bangor, Me.—$70,000.

BANGOR, ME., December 16.—A fire on Main street, last night, destroyed nine stores and the Harrison House. The loss is estimated at $70,000.

LATER—The loss is less than at first reported. It is now stated to be $200,000; insurance $85,000.

Losses by the Boston Fire.

BOSTON, December 16.—The losses by the Plympton and Wareham streets fire aggregate $590,000; insurance as far as known, $140,000. The losses by the Charlestown fire aggregate $145,000; insurance $60,000.

Forest City, Ark.—$30,000.

MEMPHIS, December 16.—A Forest City, Arkansas, special to the Associated Press says: A fire broke out at seven this morning in the Court House building, which, together with a large portion of the records, was soon destroyed. A strong gale from the southeast soon carried the flames to Gurley's billiard hall, which, with the stock, is an entire loss. The large store of Issard & Prewett followed. Soon Pope Bros.' building was also in flames, in which were the telegraph and *Times* offices. The telegraph instruments and most of the cases of the *Times* offices were saved. The fire then proceeded down Washington street, on the east side, destroying Reed & Brown's barber shop, Dye's drug store, Dye saving most of his stock. The fire was checked in this direction by an alley, but communicated to M. Isaacs' store, whose loss will reach $6,000, insured in the American Central for $2,500. Gray & Shire's drug store and Sorey & Co.'s grocery store were soon also in flames.

The total loss will exceed $30,000, with less than $10,000 insurance. Issard & Prewett's loss will reach $15,000, partly insured.

POLITICAL.

Arkansas.

CONGRESSMEN ELECTED IN NOVEMBER.

LITTLE ROCK, December 16.—The Governor to-day issued a proclamation declaring the result of the Congressional election on the 3d of November. In the First district, L. C. Gause, Democrat, has 4,244 majority over Rogers, Republican; W. F. Slemons, Democrat, in the Second district, 1,681 over Clayton, Republican; W. W. Wilshire, Democrat, in the Third district, 3,909 over Hynes, Republican, and Thomason, Independent Democrat. In the Fourth district, T. M. Gunter, Democrat, has 7,037 majority over Sanders, Republican.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Hard Times and Happiness.

People can be happy themselves, and make others happy around them, without resorting to extravagance. The chief requisite is a charitable spirit—a benevolent heart. If you have this to start on, you can diffuse much happiness at a very small outlay in money. If, in all the past year, the struggle has been one for self, it will be difficult to bestow even a kindly look or a smile, which cost nothing but the effort, and still harder to make a cheerful gift to some loved (or ought-to-be-loved) one. But if the heart has been right, and the hand open since the last holiday season, the "hard times" will not prevent those gracious dispensations which characterize the season, fill it with present joy, and hallow it with precious memories.

In the long-ago, when money was much scarcer than now, when times were harder than any of this generation have ever experienced, there were merry Christmases and happy New Years. It is one of the things to be thankful for, at all times, that our happiness does not depend upon our bank account. A big heart, full of love and sympathy, can make a few dollars touch a great many tender chords. The wealthy have opportunities beyond those of limited means; but money locked away in a strong box never made anybody happy; never clothed the naked or fed the hungry. It is only when the big sympathetic heart, opens the strong box and sends that money into the channels of trade, like blood through the veins, that it imparts life, and health and happiness. And just at this time, when there are a larger number than usual who feel the effects of the stagnation in business, it is the duty of those who have the means to give liberally to those whom they know to be in want. What a precious opportunity to do good! There is not a man or a woman who cannot, if the effort be made, find out some friend living, or the children of some friend dead, who would be benefitted by some suitable present. If the gift were of no great value, it would at least awaken the memory of better days; and would, therefore, be precious.

Now is the time to get ready for Christmas, to lay out your plans, and arrange your purchases. It is not good economy to defer this matter until a day or two before the holiday. The best time to buy is when stocks are fullest and freshest and the "rush" of the holiday season, when stores are thronged, is the worst time to make selections. It is a noticeable feature in the Eastern cities, and no doubt the same holds good here, that, despite the hard times, the holiday business promises to be large and profitable. The sales even now are large, and will steadily increase until the eve of the New Year. Let us hope that millions of dollars, now locked up in banks will be put in circulation during the holidays, and that the unlocking of this money, all over the country, will open the way to better times. There are many more people who are craving work than there are craving charity. Such work can be better supplied by liberal purchases at the retail stores, than by any spasmodic and individual efforts to assist such needy cases as come under notice. The people who are rich, or who are in that state of competence which consists in being out of debt and having a prosperous business, should resolve to spend all they can afford between this and New Year's day. The money they put in circulation will not only assist the retailers in meeting their obligations to jobbers, wholesale dealers and manufacturers, but will assist thousands who are out of work, and do a vast deal towards creating a general revival of business. Each one of such purchasers can get a full equivalent for his money, and at the same time assist in a great and beneficent work. There is no better time for beginning this work than now, as the holiday season is upon us.

Theft at the Union Depot.

A bold theft was committed at the Union Depot yesterday morning. A drover from Ohio was in the waiting room, and was called aside by a negro, who stated that he was without money, and offered the drover a good overcoat for the sum of two dollars. The Ohio man declined to advance the sum asked, and returned to the seat which he had just left, when he discovered that his overcoat, which he had left there, had disappeared. He at once made known his loss to depot officer Cotton, who, accompanied by the drover, started out in search of the thief. After visiting a number of saloons, they finally walked into a Fifth avenue billiard room, and after an inspection of a number of overcoats there, the drover found and identified his lost garment in the possession of a young man named Harry Myers. The thief was arrested and locked up in the Central Station House, and at the four o'clock hearing, no information for larceny having been made, he was sent to the Workhouse thirty days "on general account."

A Reward is Offered

for a flour that will make as much or as good bread as the great White River, for the price.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

THE REPUBLICAN SENATORS.

Caucus Sub-Committees in Secret Session.

Southern Affairs, Internal Improvements and Finance under Consideration.

STEAMBOAT BILL CALLED UP IN THE SENATE.

The Centennial Tea Party in the Capitol.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE.

Growing Sentiment in Favor of Its Restoration.

King Kalakaua to be Presented to Congress, on Friday, by Senator Cameron.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1874.

Republican Caucus Committees.

The sub-committees of the Republican Senatorial caucus all held secret sessions to-day. These sub-committees are as follows: On Southern Affairs, Senator Morton, Chairman; Finance, Senator Sherman, Chairman, and Internal Improvements, Senator Windom, Chairman. These committees find that the work before them is much more difficult and intricate than had been anticipated. The interests at stake are such that they feel that they must proceed with the greatest caution. For this reason another caucus may not be held before Saturday, and possibly not till after the holidays, as the probabilities are that it will take several future meetings before the committees can arrive at a conclusion.

Steamboat Bill in the Senate.

Senator Scott, through a dexterous piece of parliamentary strategy, to-day succeeded in getting the Steamboat bill before the Senate. Action on the voluminous District bill having been postponed until to-morrow, he made a timely suggestion to Senator Chandler that if he intended to report the bill, then was the time. The Senator at once acted upon the suggestion and the reading of the bill, of eighty-five pages, was commenced. Senators Conkling and Boutwell will oppose the bill. They remarked to-day that they were not aware upon what grounds Senator Chandler reported it from the committee. Senator Scott will strongly support the bill.

The Centennial Tea Party

in the rotunda of the Capitol to-night, is a great success, and promises to yield a handsome contribution to the patriotic cause.

The Franking Privilege.

The discussion of a paragraph in the Legislative Appropriation bill, to-day, indicted a disposition on the part of certain members to make a movement toward the restoration of the franking privilege. Mr. Kelley led off in favor of the restoration, and was followed by Messrs. Maynard and Myers on the same side. The proposition was, to strike out an appropriation for the purchase of official postage stamps, as a preliminary step toward the restoration of the frank. It was admitted by Mr. Garfield that its abolition had not resulted in any saving whatever to the Postoffice Department. The motion was defeated only by a majority of six. The vote gave the advocates of restoration hope, and a bill to restore it will be introduced before the close of the session.

Committee on Vicksburg Troubles.

The Special Committee appointed yesterday to investigate the late political troubles at Vicksburg, will leave here on the 26th of December. They expect to accomplish the object of their appointment in a week and be back by the first week in January.

War Claims Against the Government.

The Committee on War Claims to-day agreed to report two very important bills: one to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction of alien claims; the other to limit the time wherein claims against the United States, which have accrued within six years, may be filed until January 1, 1876.

Congressional Courtesy to the King.

The Joint Committee on the arrangements for the reception of the King of the Hawaiian Islands, have decided that the ceremonies attending his presentation to Congress shall take place on Friday. Senator Cameron will present the King and Speaker Blaine will deliver the address of welcome.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1874.

REVENUE OFFICERS APPOINTED.

John D. Parmly, Leroy K. Murer, Joel H. Wicker and George W. Schnelb, have been appointed Internal Revenue Storekeepers for the Fifth district of Illinois; and Henry H. Miller, Alonzo P. Johnson, George Ekins, Jesse L. Ekins and Benj. Babcock, Gaugers for the Fifth Illinois district.

COURTESIES TO THE KING.

The President and Cabinet Ministers returned the visit of King Kalakaua to-day. General Sherman, who arrived here this morning, accompanied the party, and spent some time in conversation with the King. Card receptions and other official courtesies will be commenced to-morrow.

PACIFIC MAIL INVESTIGATION.

The Ways and Means Committee resumed the Pacific Mail Staamship Company investigation this morning. The books were examined, and it was ascertained that on the 24th of May, 1872, $650,000 was loaned by the company to a firm of New York brokers; that on the 7th of September following, the firm returned $500,000 of this loan, and on the same day President Stockwell drew $500,000 out of the bank and charged it to Oliver Eldridge and Robert B. Irwin, San Francisco agents. The physician attending Irwin stated that, though still ill and in bed, he may recover sufficiently to come to the capitol to-day, or be interrogated by the committee in his room, if they consider his immediate examination absolutely necessary.

The substance of the testimony of Irwin was this: He was employed by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in various capacities from 1864 to December 31st, 1872, during the last portion of the time as a member of the firm of Eldridge & Irwin, agents of the company at San Francisco. In the winter of 1872 he was employed as agent for the company for the purpose of procuring a subsidy for the China mail. The contract was, most of it, in letters from the company to him, by which he was to receive certain sums of money in full of expenses in obtaining the subsidy. The amount to be paid was not to be finaley liquidated until the entire service was performed, as the expenses could not be ascertained until that time.

COURT OF ALABAMA CLAIMS.

In the Court of Commissioners for Alabama Claims, to-day, Gen. Creswell and Judge R. M. Corwine argued the case of the whaleship Splendid, which ship was driven out of the Arctic ocean by the Shenandoah, causing the breaking up of the voyage and loss of outfit, refit and investment, amounting to many thousands of dollars. The United States demurred, and denied the right of the owners of the Splendid to recover under the law, claiming that there could be no recovery except for property destroyed. To this Judge Corwine replied that the act provided for two classes of claims: first, those which result from a total loss; and second, those which result from a partial loss; that wherever there was proof of actual loss, recovery followed as a matter of course. The court held the case under advisement.

The same gentlemen will argue the interesting question of the right of a British subject to participate in this fund for loss accruing on an American vessel, the subject being a resident of the United States when the loss occurred, and has so continued ever since.

THE CENTENNIAL TEA PARTY

to-night, in the rotunda of the Capitol, attracted a crowded assembly. Among the guests were the President and Cabinet, with King Kalakaua, the Judges of the Supreme Court, foreign ministers, officers of the army and navy and General Sherman. Secretary Robeson delivered an address in the old Hall of Representatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDIAN COMMISSIONERS.

Clinton B. Fiske, Chas. E. Hammond, B. Rush Roberts and John A. Lang, of the Board of Indian Commissioners, who recently visited the Indian Territory, make a report from St. Louis, in which they make the following recommendations: First, a territorial government, whose Executive shall be appointed by the President of the United States, and whose legislative body shall be elected by the people of the Territory. Second, the establishment of United States courts within said Territory. Third, a delegrte in Congress.

MULLETT'S SUCCESSOR.

Mr. Cochran, of Chicago, it is said, will be appointed Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, *vice* Mullett, resigned.

CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AGREED ON.

The House Committee on Judiciary today agreed upon a supplementary Civil Rights bill, taking that which last year passed the Senate and is now pending in the House as the foundation for it. The only alterations made are the omission of cemeteries and the insertion of a provision for separate schools for white and blacks, with equipments and provisions for instruction in all respects equal, the appropriation of school funds to be *pro rata* between the races. An alteration is also made in the matter of the punishment for violation of the law. Instead of penalties being cumulative, the House committee make them either civil or criminal. The Chairman of the committee, has been instructed to report the bill as a substitute for the Senate bill with the understanding that Mr. White, of the committee, shall offer his bill as a substitute. The latter does not prohibit separate accommodations in schools, railroads, inns, &c., for the two races, provided the accommodations are of equal equipment and kind.

The King of the Cannibal Isles—Society Agog—A Lively Time Ahead—Race for Invitations—How the King was Received—A Dusky Comment on a Dusky Subject—Society Twaddle—An Important Decision of the Supreme Court.

Special Correspondence of Pittsburgh Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14, 1874.

The advent of the dusky Polynesian monarch has introduced a new feature into the political and social drama at the National Capital for the season of 1874–5. The empty pates of nice young men and foolish girls are quite adrift at the prospects of receptions and balls, and in anticipation of these events, a lively competition exists for invitations for the divers entertainments, in honor of the King, already hinted at. Unlike stage kings, Kalakaua entered the Capital of the Western Republic minus the tempest of powder, parchment and brass and surging mob which usually adds *eclat* to such flat and formal demonstrations. A delegation of reporters and Cabinet officers (we give them in the order in which they appeared near the sacred person of the King) left the Capital by steam, and hailed the royal visitor in the morasses of the Anacostia. Arriving at the depot, the King, hat in hand, and escorted by the Knickerbocker of the State Department, was handed to the carriage in waiting. The band struck up the Hawaiian Hymn, not the "King of the Cannibal Islands," and Tilton's Marines presented one hundred and fifty muskets. As customary on such occasions, the forty thousand dark skinned residents were largely overwhelming. Their expectancy knew no bounds, and in their eagerness to get a first glimpse of royalty they had taken possession of every available position affording sufficient elevation. The African idea of kingship is associated with supernatural beings. They believe in the divinity of royalty, and were ready to fall down in reverence. The depot doors flew back on their hinges and the King stepped forth, when, suddenly, a voice exclaimed, "Afore de Lord, dat King's a nigger!" This unexpected revelation created a round of shouts which the King recognized with a tip of the hat. The sacred person of His Majesty was safely deposited at the hotel, where he has since been enjoying the pleasures of a genuine North American cold and full doses of Washington physic, either of which, doubtless, ere this, have caused His Highness to indulge a longing wish for his own perennial isle. The proposed round of enjoyments have been postponed until the King has sufficiently recovered his health. The delay in Congress acting upon the joint resolution to appropriate fifty thousand dollars to defray the expenses attending the entertainment of the King, occasions some comment. There is little doubt, however, of its getting through ultimately. In the meantime the contingent funds of the State and Navy Departments will be drawn upon.

The degeneracy of the public taste, or perhaps good sense of intelligent people at the National Capital is very plainly set forth in the senseless twaddle published daily under the head of "Society News." In the early days of the capital, as appears in the newspapers, there was a dignity and reserve in social life which stands in striking contrast with the growing toadyism and gush spread before the people in the same channels of to-day. As a specimen of this kind of trash, we give a few extracts from the first paper taken up:

"The Secretary of the Interior will not take another house this winter. Since the sad death of their dear little grandson Mr. and Mrs. Delano have not felt like reentering the gay world.

"The Bazar presented a gay scene last night. All the belles and beaux were present. Many of the gentlemen were in full evening dress. Dancing was quite general. Those who were not present last evening should remember that this is the last evening, and they will miss something very delightful if they remain away. A cup of tea from the fair hands who serve it is a beverage so superior to ordinary tea that those who partake are deluded with the impression that it is nectar such as the gods drank. Miss Fish and Miss Emily Beale, during the evening, served lemonade, and every one said that they had tasted none like it, since that which was served by Nellie Grant at the Martha Washington tea party.

"The wife of Paymaster C. and her guests, Mrs. and the Misses W., received after their return from the Capitol. Miss Jessie and Marie W. are both very beautiful girls, and will no doubt be great belles this winter, as they have besides beauty, vivacity, and intelligence. Miss Jessie has a remarkably sweet voice in singing.

"The bachelors' german last evening was select and elegant. The gentlemen all wore stripped silk stockings and low shoes, with buckles and rosettes. The young ladies were dressed with the usual good taste. Many of the young ladies in the city decline going out before the season opens in January. They are desirous of appearing then without their freshness being rubbed off."

The Supreme Court has just decided a case, the principle involved in which is of interest to the relatives and heirs of those who are known as fast men. The case, which came on appeal from the United States Circuit Court for Oregon, was that of a woman claiming as the widow of a wealthy resident of Portland, in that State, a wife's share of his property. The woman, who had been a well-known courtesan, had become the mistress of the deceased, and had been taken by him to his own house, where she lived with him for a year or two before his death. She was then paid $1,000 by his children on condition that she would leave the State. The money was paid her merely to avoid scandal, and with the distinct acknowledgment on her part, that she had no claim whatever on the dead man nor his property. Months after she brought suit for her daughter, alleging that she had been his wife, but producing no evidence to sustain her assertion. The United States Court in Oregon rejected her claim, and the Supreme Court has just sustained that decision. A ruling in her favor would have induced thousands of loose women all over the country, who have maintained illicit connection with men of wealth, to bring similar suits.

DEB. R. K.

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The Mississippi Legislature convenes in extra session to-day, to discuss the questions growing out of the late Vicksburg troubles. A State Convention of tax-payers will also assemble at Jackson to-day.

The "journal founded by Horace Greeley" is making notable contributions to the romance of history, just now. In weak but effusive eulogies of the virtues and patriotism of our fellow-countrymen of the Southern States, it rivals the Mobile *Register* itself.

There was once a precocious school-boy who, having contracted the itch, told his teacher that he got it in a letter from his grandfather, who lived in Switzerland. The current attempts of the Democratic press to saddle the responsibility of the recent troubles at Vicksburg on the negroes, strongly resemble the inventive genius of that boy.

The New York Democracy complain loudly of the want of a competent leader. They should not grow disheartened. Tweed is again to be brought up on a writ of *habeas corpus* to-day; and then, too, Tilden's inauguration occurs presently. Let them remember that "Hope springs eternal in corruption's breast"—and be comforted.

Late English mail advices note visible signs of trade improvement, partly the effects of the bountiful harvests in that country. The consumer has been gaining from the low prices, and the manufacturer by the diminished amount of capital required for his purposes. The conditions of profit are, therefore, much better than at the corresponding period of last year.

Encouraging indications of activity in the New York dry docks and shipping yards are reported by the papers of that city. More ships and barks have been docked during the last eight days than in any fortnight in the month of November, and the prospects for the remainder of the year are considered more than ordinarily favorable. This is a healthy sign in a great port like New York.

There is a man out in Iowa, said to be a citizen of sound intellect and unimpeachable character, who confidently asserts that he recently saw, shook hands with, and was talked to by a neighbor who is known to have been killed upwards of a year ago, and the whole press of that section is going crazy with excitement over the matter. The exact measurement of truth in the recital could probably be best determined by a spirit meter.

Mr. Cornell, who founded Cornell University, and who died at Ithaca, N. Y., last week, is alleged by the newspapers in that region to have been "in all respects a very remarkable man." When Martin Chuzzlewit was in this country he encountered a great many very remarkable men, each one of whom was "the most remarkable man in this country, sir," and the number does not seem to have decreased since Chuzzlewit's time.

The opposition to the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty is still spreading. A meeting of the Ohio Wool Growers' Association will be held at Columbus on the 5th of January, for the purpose of adopting proper resolutions with regard to the subject. All the great industries of the country are most strongly opposed to the outrageous foreign swindle, and the Senate will do excellently well to heed their temper concerning the matter.

The total exports from New York for November amounted, including specie, to $24,436,835, against $31,041,724 for the corresponding month last year. For the past eleven months they amount to $309,159,984, against $321,207,055 for the corresponding period of 1873. The decrease, which is quite notable, has been mainly in domestic produce. Exclusive of specie, the total foots up $260,435,347, a decrease from last year of $14,559,313.

For a public benefactor, Mr. J. P. Woodbury, of Boston, is a remarkably modest man. He only wants the trifling sum of $25,796,160 from the planing mill owners and proprietors of wood-working machinery in the United States, as royalty on his "stationary bar" patent of about eighteen months' standing. The manufacturers will hardly consider him a plain dealer, but we suspect he will have to make his claim appear a deal plainer before he gets his money.

Washington advices say that all efforts thus far to get any prominent Democratic Senators to join in conference with the view to come to some general agreement relative to the new financial scheme, has failed. The Democrats do not want to put an end to the financial troubles of the country, and hence they refuse to join in any general measure of relief. They think their only chance of success in 1876 is in keeping the country in its present depressed condition.

We judge from the remarks of Sunset Cox, in the House, that the Democrats intend to dispute the correctness of the figures by which Mr. Garfield demonstrated that the appropriations made by the last session of Congress showed a reduction of twenty-five millions of dollars. It would never do, you know, to let such a dangerous fact as that go unquestioned; and so the *World's* arithmetic man has been engaged to prove that two and two do not make four.

Apart from any considerations as to the religious character of the Sabbath, it has been determined by experience that people, no matter what the nature of their employment, can do more work in six days than they can in seven. Cessation from work one day in the week is a universal natural requirement, alike for man and beast; and this rest adds to rather than subtracts from the aggregate results of the labor. Hence the late decision of Chief Justice Daly, of New York, restraining theatrical performances on that day, is in reality a defense of the best rights of the people.

The *Evening Telegraph*, of Philadelphia, states that Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, the spiritual mediums who exhibited the materialized form of Katie King, have fled from that city since the humbug of materialization has been exposed. The Katie King imposture derived all its vitality from the indorsement given to it by Robert Dale Owen and Dr. H. T. Child; and now that both those gentlemen have repudiated it, the imposture comes to a sudden end. It lasted about six months, and the responsibility for it lies upon the men we have named for having countenanced it so long.

It is now claimed by the Democratic press that the recent decision of the Indiana Supreme Court excluding colored children from white schools, was anticipated by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts in 1849, in the case of Roberts, vs. the city of Boston, 5 Cushing, 195, in which Charles Sumner, for the plaintiff, relied upon the provisions of the Massachusetts Constitution. This, however, does not improve the matter at all. The Constitutional amendments, with the letter and spirit of which the Indiana ruling is in direct conflict, had not then been passed. The Supreme Court of the United States will undoubtedly reverse the decision.

We have neglected, hitherto, though not intentionally, to call attention to the proclamation of Governor Hartranft, in our advertising columns, setting forth that during the year ending November 30, 1874, the State debt was reduced $1,230,186. The total State debt is now but $24,500,000, and the Sinking fund holds securities amounting to nearly $11,000,000, which are pledged to its redemption, so that the real debt is only $13,500,000. The steady and rapid reduction of this debt under Governor Hartranft's administration is the strongest possible testimony to the honesty, ability and fidelity with which the affairs of the Commonwealth have been administered under his fostering care.

Conspiracies for plundering the national Treasury are spawning with fish-like fecundity. The latest movement in behalf of the swindling cotton-tax refunding scheme is in the shape of a proposition that the Government shall become the financial agent of the States to which amounts collected under the tax are claimed to be due, and apply the proceeds to the settlement of their respective State indebtedness. The Washington *Republican* thinks the proposition "is calculated to attract general attention." We think so, too. The people have their eyes wide open with regard to this job, and if they do not break the knuckles of the purposing thieves before the latter have got their dirty hands into the box, we shall be very greatly mistaken.

DR. WINES AT CLAREMONT.

E. C. Wines, D.D., L.L.D., may be fairly characterized as one of the most distinguished living penologists. He is now and has been for many years Secretary of the National Prison Association of the United States, a position to which he was appointed in consideration of the eminent qualifications he was believed to possess for the place. He had long been deeply interested in the subjects of prisons and prison reform, and was known to be liberally gifted with the talents and spirit which seemed necessary to enlist public attention and concern in behalf of the objects of the Association. Persons who have watched its operations and progress need not be told that Dr. Wines' labors have amply justified the wisdom of his selection. His industry, energy and devotion to the great work assigned him have been untiring, and it is no exaggeration to say that his influence in promoting prison reform and in directing thoughtful attention to the general subject of crime and its punishment, has been felt even in foreign countries. The very important Prison Congress held in London last year was the immediate outcome of Dr. Wines' efforts, who, besides, performed a principal part in arranging its proceedings with a view to practical results. The great interest of those London conferences and the value of the hints and inspiration derived from them, have been freely acknowledged by some of the most distinguished European penologists.

Dr. Wines' activity at home, in his own proper field, has been freshly brought to mind by the appearance, in a handsome volume, of the "Transactions of the Third National Prison Reform Congress," held at St. Louis, in May last. In fact, as the title page states, the volume is "the Third Annual Report of the National Prison Association of the United States," of which Association Dr. Wines is Secretary, and he is editor of the volume. It consists, in the first place, of the various addresses, reports, discussions, etc., which made up the proceedings of the Congress at St. Louis. Every subject more or less directly connected with crime and with criminals and their treatment under confinement is discussed in the book, both in carefully prepared papers and in free interchange of views among the members of the Congress. In the second place, Dr. Wines' annual report, with its appended papers, makes up a considerable portion of the volume. This report is very elaborate, evidently the result of immense toil in gathering its materials and of the most patient and painstaking care in digesting and presenting them. Among the papers appended are essays and reports by eminent penologists of different foreign nations.

In Dr. Wines' report our attention has been naturally arrested by his review of reformatory prison discipline in our own State, and especially by what he says about "the Allegheny county workhouse at Claremont, under the superintendence of Mr. Henry Cordier." Concerning this institution Dr. W. felt able to speak with all the more confidence for having "visited and remained a week at the establishment last winter." As the result of such intimate acquaintance, the Secretary "feels no hesitation in pronouncing it, in many points of view, a model institution." "As a financial success," says Dr. Wines, "I look upon it, all things considered, as unrivalled." Having given some details as to means and results, he says that the financial outcome "must strike every one as extraordinary," and that to him it seems "without precedent." In answer to the inquiry, how has such a result been obtained? Dr. Wines gives a fourfold answer:

"1. The contract system of labor is excluded, and *all* the earnings accrue to the prison. 2. The Superintendent is an admirable business man, and especially watchful against losses, insomuch that not the first penny has ever gone in the way of bad debts. 3. The Board of Directors pay him a generous salary, and not a dollar is ever *stolen*. 4. The labor is obtained from the convicts, not by an outward pressure, but from an inward impulse, stimulated by a personal interest in their earnings."

Especially interesting is the account which the experienced and able Secretary of the National Prison Association gives of Mr. Cordier's method of dealing with the prisoners placed in his charge. Of late, efforts, sometimes successful, have been made by the directors of several American penitentiaries to introduce the practice of appealing to the feeling of self-interest in the prisoner as a means of securing industry and good conduct. The avoidance of all unnecessary rigor and severity of treatment is destined gradually everywhere, we may hope, to become the rule in prison discipline. Both these features of government are applied by Mr. Cordier with admirable success. Much as Dr. Wines had, of course, seen effected and read of as effected in other places at home and abroad by this method, he appears to have been surprised at the results achieved by the veteran Superintendent at Claremont, by judiciously appealing to those worthy principles of human nature which exist and rule in the breasts of all men, even criminals. The success of a home institution is always a gratifying and legitimate source of pride, and by the prominence given to the establishment at Claremont in Dr. Wines' report, the example will doubtless become more widely influential than it has been heretofore.

It seems that Mr. Arthur, of Kentucky, is opposed, as a member of the Congressional Committee on Railroads and Canals, to any appropriations by Congress in aid of any project to improve the navigation of the Western waters, because he thinks Congress has no power, under the Constitution, to engage in such work. In this, Mr. Arthur is consistent, as a Democrat, and all his Democratic associates must stand with him, or prove faithless to the central Democratic idea, which is that the General Government is the mere agent of the States, with no powers but such as the States have specifically conveyed to it. The Democrats believe that the United States are a mere confederacy; the Republicans believe they constitute a nation, with all the attributes of national sovereignty. If ever, therefore, the Western waters are made permanently navigable by the General Government, the work must be done under Republican auspices. The Democrats cannot do it, and maintain, at the same time, the predominance of their central idea.

A Western Democratic paper says that the Democrats of the country are united upon the *principles* of the party, but differ as to questions of *policy*. And that is true of any and every party. There are general principles upon which Republicans everywhere are united, but they differ upon questions of policy and expediency. So far, both parties are in the same situation. The trouble with both of them, at present, is that there is no special conflict between the two growing out of their differing principles, and that the questions of policy and expediency upon which both present broken fronts are the very questions that are pressing for immediate settlement at their hands. The people, tired of the inability of the Republicans to agree upon questions of policy, have transferred the settlement of them to the other party; and that party finds itself just as unable to agree upon them as did their opponents.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* says there is no reason to doubt that Wallace has the inside track for United States Senator. This confirms our judgment that the party would not be foolish enough to take up a corrupt old lobbyist like Black, but disappoints our hope that Clymer would come out the winning man. All the unredeemable Copperheads outside of the State want Black to be elected; but their eagerness has defeated itself. Wallace is the coming man, and the New York *Tribune* will wear crape on its left arm for thirty days to indicate its deep grief at being unable to defeat him.

A proposition is to be made in the Illinois Legislature, according to a correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune*, that the State assume the indebtedness of all its municipalities. This would include all city, county and township debts, and all bonds issued for school purposes and in aid of railroad projects. The total debt thus proposed to be assumed reaches a grand total of fifty millions; and if this proposition succeeds, it should be accompanied with a scheme to assume the payment of all individual indebtedness, as well. Why not? Why should a municipality be released from its obligation to pay its debts, any more than an individual?

The entire receipts of the defunct *Republic* are asserted to have been less than $4,000. Its circulation at first was very fair, but it steadily declined after the elections.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

"December in his icy bonds
The stiffed landscape locks and blanches,
And shrieks across his frozen ponds,
And whistles in the naked branches."

Nearly all the Southern cities are overrun with people out of employment.

The probabilities are that the next battle in the South will be fought at New Orleans.

The present demand for the silver trade dollar is 500,000 a month, and is constantly increasing.

Bills will be introduced in Congress to-day for the admission of Colorado and New Mexico.

A Weiss question. "Why should inferiority in swallow-tails protest against superiority in skirts?"

Now that the police have discovered who were the Charlie Ross abductors, let them find Charlie himself.

An elevator company, at Toledo, Ohio, run all their engines by steam generated over fires of corn cobs.

If there is any law against the publication of obituary poetry, it should be put in practice in Philadelphia.

The export of railroad iron to Russia still continues. Evidently the Czar isn't crazy on the railroad question.

An English company, with a capital of a million pounds sterling, are unearthing coal and iron in Alabama.

Won't it be a sight to see—the King of the Cannibal Islands weeping over the grave of George Washington?

No argument is worth a straw until the facts or premises are stated correctly. The New York *World* forgets this.

Our scientists were far in the lead of those of all other nations in the matter of observing the transit of Venus.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, who is reported to have taken $100,000 stock in the *Republic*, never paid in a penny.

The debt of Illinois on the first of January, 1875, will only be $1,730,970, and there is money in the Treasury to pay it all off.

The Texas cattle trade has assumed a magnitude requiring a line of steamships plying between Europe and this country.

"Gath" has indirectly spoken a good word for himself. "Your rattling novelette writer must not be pooh-poohed," he says.

In Scotland there was lately sold two of Robert Bruce's bones, and melancholy to relate, they brought but five pounds sterling for the two.

There is scarcely a Southern city of any prominence in which there is not a new factory of some kind, the result mainly of Northern industry.

Gilmore is at it again. He is planning a bigger-than-ever jubilee at New York, which, it is declared, will make Boston wish she were dead.

Chicago ministers of all denominations are uniting for the purpose of inaugurating an extensive religious revival. There is abundance of room for it.

It is the torch that makes the powder dangerous. A Chicago college president says he has girls in his school he wouldn't trust himself with five minutes.

Coquetry is human, flourishes everywhere and may always be counted upon, and hence a New York capitalist has invested all his money in cosmetics.

The sales of cheese during the season at Utica were 211,642 boxes, with a valuation of $1,777,692 80, an increase over last season of upwards of a million of dollars.

The question of the submarine tunnel proposed to unite Calais and Dover, is being studied with greater activity than ever. And that's about all it will amount to.

Not shingular. The New York *Tribune* has a patent on a fire-proof shingle, and it wants a law passed obligating every roof in the city to be covered with the said shingle.

The former publishers of the *Congressional Globe* have petitioned Congress to purchase their building and printing materials. There is not the slightest reason for doing so.

Emmet county, Michigan, is the only one in the State which gave a majority for woman suffrage, the vote being 41 for to 34 against it. Nine-tenths of the voters are native American Indians.

The Cincinnati press is just now engaged in a most interesting discussion involving the questions whether the letter L is a vowel or a consonant, and how many P's should be given to kidnappers.

The Supreme Court of Maine has decided that women cannot hold the office of justice of the peace, or any other office mentioned in the Constitution, but that the Legislature may authorize women to hold any office created by that body.

The universal British trader. Away up in the Himalaya mountains, where they never dreamed of encountering an European, some Russian explorers recently met an Englishman with six hundred mules, laden with an assortment of English goods, on his way to Yarkund, the capital of Eastern Turkestan.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Sartoris are half seas over toward the White House.

During the last three weeks ex-Vice President Colfax has received no less than a hundred invitations to lecture this winter.

Captain Brady, who saved the steamer Pennsylvania, and for many months had an action against the company for salvage, was recently killed by Chinese pirates, while on a trip from Canton to Macao.

Dr. Peter Gonsolus, of Texas, aged seventy-six, has married six young girls in his day, and has forty-eight children still living. What a loss to the State it would have been had Dr. Peter gone solus all his life.

The new Japanese Minister to the United States, Yoshida Kigonari, has reached Washington. He is a middle-aged gentleman of culture, speaks English well, and has spent a number of years in European cities, where he was quite popular and became acquainted with numerous Americans.

Information has been received from General Miles' headquarters, on the Wichita, that the Zelder (German) girls, sisters of the two little ones recently rescued from the Indians, are in the hands of White Bird's band of Cheyennes, and a scout has been sent to White Bird's camp to treat for the release of the captives.

A real hero is he who, in the presence of danger, conceals his fear least others becoming terror stricken might lose their senses. Such a man was found in the person of a Roman Catholic priest in New York on Sunday, who quietly urged his large congregation to leave the church, and enabled them to do so, with absolute ignorance of the cause, and yet before they were fairly out, flames broke forth under the altar where the priest had been standing.

Mirabeau has at last received his statue, which has been placed in the Palace of Justice at Aix. The great tribune is thus revenged. Enshrined in the Pantheon, then torn from thence by a mob, infuriated at the discovery of his "grand treason," he was thrown into the potter's field at Clamart, till Proudhon reestablished his memory by proving that while Mirabeau had relations with Louis XVI. and his court, he was but as a lawyer with a retained fee, not as a man venally sold.

What Philadelphia is Made Of.

The *Press*, in an article on "Philadelphia's Supremacy," says:

At this time Philadelphia is in possession of more of the elements that go to make up a metropolis than any other American city. Only one exceeds us in population, none in dimensions, and none in the number of our dwellings and the quality of the accommodations for our people. At the beginning of the year 1873 we had 134,740 buildings of all kinds. Of these, 124,302 were dwelling-houses, occupied by families.

This city has a population of near 800,000, and they live in an area of 129¼ square miles. It has 1,000 miles of streets and roads opened for use, and over 500 miles of these are paved. It is lighted by near ten thousand gas lamps. The earth beneath conceals and is penetrated by 134 miles of sewers, over 600 miles of gas mains and 546 miles of water pipes. We have over 212 miles of city railways, and near 1,794 city railroad cars passing over these railroads daily, 3,025 steam boilers, over 400 public schools, with suitable buildings, and over 1,600 school teachers, and over 80,000 pupils. We have over 34,000 bath-rooms, most of which are supplied with hot water, and for the use of the water, at low rates, our citizens pay more than a million of dollars annually. We have over 400 places of public worship, and accommodations in them for 300,000 persons. We have near 9,000 manufactories, having a capital of $185,000,000, employing 145,000 hands, the annual product of whose labor is over $584,000,000. We exported in 1872, in value, over $34,000,000, and we imported in value over $26,000,000. The amount paid for duties in gold was near eight millions and a half. The real estate, as assessed for taxation, was over $518,000,000, and we collected near $9,000,000 for taxes. Our funded debt, including the gas loan, in January, 1873, was $51,697,147 67, and our annual outlay in 1873, inclusive of interest on our debt, was $7,726,123. We have parks and public squares, and Fairmount Park, which is one of them, contains 2,991 acres, and is one of the largest parks in the world, and was enjoyed in 1873 by near 3,000,000 of people.

STATE NEWS.

The crusaders are still at it, in Williamsport.

Bark hauling business is brisk in Sullivan county.

The Robesonia furnace, in Berks county, is in full blast.

That new Democratic daily at Williamsport, "died a-bornin'."

"Fresch Rost Peenotes" is the sign on Allentown peanut stands.

Of the seven furnaces in New Castle, but one, the Shenango, is out of blast.

Reading ships $50,000 worth of veal calves to New York every winter.

A seventy year old goose was one of the attractions of the Doylestown poultry show.

Preparations are rapidly being made to raise a soldiers' monument in Coudersport.

The Lancaster papers complain of disgraceful rowdyism on the streets of that city.

There are four hundred and thirteen people in the Schuylkill county almshouse.

A young fellow in Washington came near choking to death on a piece of oyster shell, last week.

Last week a cat died in Harrisburg which had reached the age of nearly twenty years. *Requies-cat*, etc.

The Lancaster *Express* "goes for" the church fairs where raffling and other sinful grab games are indulged in.

A pig and a cat have struck up a close friendship in Oil City, and are almost inseparable companions.

The late Peter Seeger, of Philadelphia, bequeathed $21,000 to be divided among charitable institutions.

Mr. John Green was run over by a buggy in Harrisburg, on Saturday night, and died on Monday morning.

The body of Solomon Fister, of Albany township, Berks county, was found in the canal at Reading on Sunday.

A tramp, supposed to be one Michael Lynch, of Troy, N. Y., was found dead at Phoenixville on Sunday morning.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers held their annual reunion at Sunbury on the 15th inst.

According to the decision of Judge Allison, of Philadelphia, assessors have no right to assess voters for the February election.

Michael Bomberger, one of the oldest citizens of Hummelstown, aged seventy years, died suddenly of heart disease on Sunday morning.

There was another riot at Mahanoy City on Saturday night, with much promiscuous pistol firing. Result: several men wounded, but no arrests.

Hugh McTague, nine years old, fell into the dirt pocket at No. 5 breaker, Coal Dale, Schuylkill county, last week, and was smothered to death.

The *Schuylkill Republican*, published at Minersville, has entered upon its third year. It is a handsome paper, and as enterprising as handsome.

The hog disease prevails to a considerable extent in the vicinity of Womelsdorf and in several localities in the northern part of Lancaster county.

Harvey Crouse, a German boy, was shot and killed by Frank Dapp, a companion, while hunting rabbits near Collomsville, Lycoming county, last week.

A mammoth cave has been discovered near Howellsville, Chester county, which, when fully explored, is expected to rival the world-famous cave in Kentucky.

George Foelker, a German, sixty-five years old, hung himself in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, on the night of the 10th inst. Whisky was the cause.

Mrs. Joseph Funk, of Schuylkill township, Chester county, while running to catch a turkey, broke her leg near the ankle. She hasn't the sympathy of the turkey.

The furnace of the Kemble Coal and Iron Company, at Riddlesburg, Bedford county, made 895 tons of iron during November. The furnace will be kept in blast during the winter.

There were two hundred and ninety-eight deaths in Philadelphia, last week—forty-six from consumption. Of the whole number, one hundred and thirty-two were under five years old.

The revival in the Methodist Episcopal church, at Cornwall, Lebanon county, which has been in progress for some time, still continues. There have been about sixty persons converted.

A Mauch Chunk driver allowed two men to ride with him, and took a drink with them. The liquor was drugged, and when the wagoner awoke he was minus his companions and $40 in money.

The Reading Company's Norwegian shafts, in Schuylkill county, have finally tapped the mammoth vein, at a depth from the surface of 1,909 feet. The vein is forty-eight and a half feet thick.

A Harrisburg chicken-thief left his pocket-book, containing a tax-receipt in his name, in the coop. If he should be sent to the penitentiary, the Democracy would be short one vote in his precinct.

The Washington *Reporter* says: We regret to learn that Hon. Judge Farrer, member-elect of the Legislature from this county, is so seriously ill that it is feared he will not be able to attend the opening of that body on the fifth proximo.

Two of the officers of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, Clifford Pemberton, Manager, and Henry Pemberton, Vice President, have resigned. The salaries and royalties of these gentlemen are said to have been about $46,000 per annum.

J. N. NeCrea, of Philadelphia, has been appointed Superintendent of the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. S. A. Black. The new official will assume the duties of his position about the first of January.

John F. Alcorn, of Cherrytree township, Venango county, called for pulverized rhubarb at the drug store of J. K. McCormick, in Titusville, and the clerk gave him powdered opium by mistake. A dose of this was administered to Mr. Alcorn's infant, and caused its death.

The Washington county court was engaged a whole week in the trial of two cases where the amount at stake was less than thirty dollars. The *Reporter* very sensibly says it would have been cheaper to have paid the amount claimed in both cases out of the county treasury.

Alex. Gress, a wagonmaker of Greensburg, was arrested last week and held to bail for a hearing on a charge of having attempted to commit an outrage on the person of a daughter of a well-known Greensburg lawyer. The accused denies the allegation, and asserts his ability to prove an *alibi*.

For the fiscal year ending November 30, 1874, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company shipped 15,150 cars of oil from Harrisburg to Communipaw and intermediate points on the road. Reduced to barrels this amount reached 1,060,500, or 42,420,000 gallons.

If a census could be taken within the next few days, of all the young ladies who are now engaged in making elaborate pin-cushions and pen-wipers and other extravagant things, to present certain young men at Christmas, we'd know just how many unmarried girls under twenty years of age there are in the country.—*Norristown Herald*.

The Doylestown *Democrat* tells this remarkable fish story: "A few days ago, while Joel Slifer, of Haycock, was felling timber, he cut down a maple tree about seven feet in diameter, in the center of which, about thirteen feet from the ground, embedded in the heart, he found a full sized sunfish, as perfect as though it had been caught but an hour before."

Peter Cooper on the Financial Question.

The venerable Peter Cooper, of New York, has published a letter on the financial situation, in which, after discussing our present evils and their origin, he passes to speak of the remedy. Under this head he has the following wise and timely remarks:

"There is nothing that will revive the fallen prosperity of our country and enable people to pay their city, town and national debts but a wisely and well-arranged revenue tariff. It is the only means that will enable us to pay the nation's debts. This was made clear by events that took place in our own country between the year 1834 and the year 1842, when our tariff, which had just paid off our old national debt, was then repealed. By this repeal our mills were stopped, as they now are; our furnaces closed; lands fell to half price; the Sheriff was at work; States repudiated their debts; the United States was unable to borrow money at home or abroad, and bankrupt laws were passed by Congress. The tariff system was again tried in 1842, and in less than five years the production of our country in iron alone rose from 2,000 to 8,000 tons; prosperity became universal, and the public revenue greater than ever. In 1846 the free trade policy was again tried by repealing the tariff, and, notwithstanding the enormous amount of gold found in California, money was as high as ever; iron came in and gold went out. In 1867 the culmination was reached, and a crisis of ruin came on, when the Treasury was nearly bankrupt. In three years immigration fell below the number that arrived twenty-eight years before. The results of the two systems will be clearly seen by following the tariffs of 1810, 1828 and 1861, when labor was well paid, money plenty, and emigration great. We cannot too carefully contrast the prosperity that has uniformly followed the tariff policy of our country, in comparison with the frightful consequences of an approach to free trade, as they appeared in 1817, 1834 and 1857, when labor was ill paid, money scarce, immigration declining, and bankrupts were numbered by thousands."

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Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River.

HEADQUARTERS MIL. DIV. OF THE MISSOURI, OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, CHICAGO, ILL., No. 28 UNION BUILDING, December 16, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until, and opened at, 12 o'clock M., FRIDAY, January 15, 1875, for the transportation of Government Troops and Supplies on the Missouri river, between Sioux City, Iowa, or Yankton, D. T., (as principal starting point), and Fort Benton, M. T., and separate proposals will also be received for transportation between Bismarck (at the N. P. R. R. crossing of Missouri river, or Fort Abraham Lincoln, D. T. as principal starting point, and Fort Benton, from March 20th to October 31st, 1875.

Each proposal must be in duplicate and be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), executed in legal form by two or more responsible persons (certified as fully responsible by a Judge or Clerk of a United States District Court), guaranteeing that in case the contract is awarded the person proposing, it will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished immediately by him in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, ($100,000) for the faithful fulfillment of the contract.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids that may be offered.

List of specifications and requirements for the information of bidders, form of Contract to be entered into in case of award, and form of Proposal, can be had by application to this office, or to the offices of the Quartermaster's Department at St. Louis, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Omaha, Nebraska, or Sioux City, Iowa; and no bid will be entertained unless accompanied by, and based upon, the list of specifications and requirements and form of contract referred to.

Moreover, no bid will be entertained, under any circumstances, unless the bidder is present in person, or by duly authorized agent or attorney, at the opening of the bid, and is then and there prepared to show that he is fully able to carry out the contract in all respects, if awarded to him.

Proposals should be endorsed, "Proposals for Army Transportation on the Missouri River," and addressed to the undersigned.

D. H. RUCKER,
Assistant Quartermaster General U. S. Army, Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Missouri.

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY CO., Pittsburgh, December 15, 1874.
Notice to Printers and Binders.
Sealed Proposals
Will be received at this office until the 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, inclusive, for Printing and Binding One Hundred and Seven (107) Office, One Hundred and Eight (108) School, and One Hundred and Seven (107) Treasurers' Assessment Duplicates.
Samples of the work required can be seen at the office of the County Commissioners.
HENRY WARNER, County Controller.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 16, 1874.

The Pittsburgh loan market was quite active during the day with increased applications to the banks for discounts, which were freely met at the usual rates. The movement before indicated on the part of the banks to buy up such good paper as comes in their way, knowing that but little commercial paper will be making in the immediate future, still continues.

The currency movement has been but nominal, yet there is not the surplus that was felt some weeks since. As a result exchange is more abundant, and while the banks make no effort to rid themselves of it by payments in Eastern checks, there is no quotable premium for New York and Philadelphia drafts. In the open market there is very little saleable paper offering, and the brokers consequently think it is "hard times" for them.

—The Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners have made their annual report, from which we learn that the results are not as satisfactory as the year before. The roads in the aggregate have increased their capital stock and their debts; their gross earnings have diminished, without a corresponding decrease in operating expenses. The roads included in the report have increased their capital stock 753,000. Seventeen roads have increased their gross debt from $38,168,169 to $46,892,2?, being an increase of more than twenty-two per cent. The total debt of the twenty-one roads reported amounts to $48,851,207.

The net income of the roads centering in Boston has declined $61183; their expenses have increased $53,9, and their gross receipts have fallen $7,754. That portion of the report of most interest to the public relates to the average rates charged by the several roads for service. The following table gives the means of comparing the rates of this year with previous years. The rate per mile is given, the amounts being in cents.

PASSENGERS.

	Transient. 1872	1873	1874	Season. 1872	1873	1874
Boston and Albany	2.69	2.68	2.61	.65	1.30	1.04
B., C. and Fitchburg	3.76	2.82	2.89	.55	0.98	0.94
Boston, Hart'd & Erie	2.58	2.69	2.49	.86	1.50	1.66
Boston and Lowell	2.74	2.75	2.67	.99	1.50	1.66
Boston and Maine	2.59	2.65	2.27	.47	0.85	0.87
Boston and Provid'e	2.93	2.72	2.80	.16	1.13	1.01
Connecticut River	3.20	3.09	3.00	.82	0.89	0.91
Eastern	2.47	2.21	2.35	.88	0.84	0.87
Old Colony	2.60	2.70	2.51	.09	0.90	1.00

GENERAL AVERAGE.

	Passengers. 1873	1874	Freight. 1872	1873	1874
Boston and Albany	2.49	2.47	.87	2.86	2.62
Boston, Concord & Fitchb	2.48	2.10	.20	2.93	2.86
Boston, Hartford & Erie	2.24	2.08	.00	4.40	4.46
Boston and Lowell	2.30	2.30	.90	3.80	3.50
Boston and Maine	2.12	1.83	.85	2.85	2.85
Boston and Providence	2.30	2.36	.19	4.74	4.90
Connecticut River	2.80	2.83	.39	3.70	4.40
Eastern	1.83	2.06	.20	3.17	3.65
Old Colony	2.30	2.14	.49	4.88	2.86

The general exhibit is one of decreased changes. Thus there is not one of the nine roads named which has not lowered its average fares for transient passengers during the last two years, but three show a reduction within the last year. Five of the nine show a reduction in season tickets in two years, one charges the same as in 1872, and three have increased slightly. On the whole passenger business, five show a reduction one year, two have not changed, and two have increased slightly. The freight tariffs of four roads have been reduced steadily, one has maintained its charges without change, and on the other four there have been fluctuations; but on six of the nine roads the charges are now lower than two years ago.

Last year but eleven of the twenty-one roads were equipped with continuous brakes, this year fourteen roads have adopted the system, and they have three hundred and seven engines and one thousand one hundred and eleven cars so equipped.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the largest private corporation in the world. It controls 6,000 miles of track, represented by $400,000,000 of securities; its annual revenues amount to 000,000, and its net income to $25,000,000. These colossal figures represent the growth of less than half a century.

—From the last quarterly report of Mr. Orton, the President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, we gather the following information:

The comparative earnings are as follows:

	Gross earnings.	Expen	Profits.
1874	$9,330,749	$6,45?	$3,076,660
1873	9,282,033	7,047	2,235,017
	Inc. $248,716	Dec. $59	Inc. $841,643

These results, though not expected, are both gratifying and somewhat surprising. The gain in net earnings for the year is rather more than 27 per cent., and has been produced by an increase of only 2½ per cent. in the gross traffic, accompanied by a decrease of something over 9 per cent. in the working expenses, affording conclusive evidence of the judicious and economical management of the company in the hands of its present directors, who are at the same time its largest stockholders, and who jealously guard the interests of all the proprietors as identical with their own. The saving in expenses has partly resulted from the decline in prices of supplies and material in consequence of last year's panic, while no reduction has been made in the salaries or wages id. The hours of labor have, however, been moderately increased. The improvement in the gross earnings speaks more plainly than any fact which recently come to our knowledge of the gradual but general revival of prosperity in the country at large, but more particularly in the great middle belt of territory extending from New York westward to the Pacific—the region in which the gain spoken of has chiefly taken place. The telegraph is among the first of common carriers to feel the depressing effect of general unthrift in the business community, and its decided prosperity is a sure sign of general revival. An agreeable feature of the report is found in the large reduction in the tariff on long distances, and in the promise of an ultimate establishment of only ? rates, the highest of which for any distance will be $1 00—a change which Mr. Orton thinks can be effected without reducing the company's dividends.

—The following table shows the price of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day. Furnished by the St. Clair Banking Company, No. 16 Sixth street:

December 16, 1874.	10:30 A. M	11:30 A. M	12:30 P. M	2:30 P. M	3:00 P. M
Gold	111½	111½	111½	111½	111¼
Money	....	....	3½	....	....
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup	120⅝	....	120⅝	120⅝	....
5-20's, 1862	113	....	113	113	....
5-20's, 1864	114⅝	....	115	115	....
5-20's, 1865	117⅛	....	117⅛	117⅛	....
5-20's, 1865, new	119⅛	....	119⅛	119¼	....
5-20's, 1867, coup	120⅛	....	120¼	120¼	....
5-20's, 1867, reg	116½	....	116½	116¾	....
5-20's, 1868	120¾	....	120½	120⅛	....
10-40's	113¾	....	113¾	113¾	....
10-40's, coupons	114⅞	....	114⅞	114⅞	....
Currency 6's	116⅞	....	116⅞	116⅞	....
New 5 per cents	113	....	113	113⅝	....
Western Union Tel	82⅜	82½	82⅝	82¾	82⅝
Quicksilver	33	....	....	....	....
Pacific Mail	38⅝	38⅝	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝
Panama	116	....	....	....	....
Adams Express	114½	....	114¼	....	....
Wells-Fargo Express	86½	....	82	....	....
American Express	62	....	....	....	....
United States Exp's	64	....	....	....	....
New York Central	101¼	101	100⅞	101⅛	100⅞
Erie	27⅜	27⅜	27¼	....	....
Michigan Central	....	81¼	....	....	....
Michigan Southern	80¼	80	80¼	80¼	80¼
Cleveland & Pitts	....	88	....	....	....
Chicago & Northw'n	46⅞	46⅝	46⅝	46½	46½
Do. preferred	....	....	....	....	61
Rock Island	101¼	101	101¼	....	101⅛
St. Paul, common	37¼	37⅛	37⅜	....	37⅜
Do preferred	....	....	....	....	....
Wabash, common	28⅝	....	28⅝	28⅝	28¾
Fort Wayne	94	....	....	....	....
Ohio & Mississippi	30½	30⅛	30⅝	31	31
Union Pacific	35⅛	35⅛	35⅛	....	35⅛
Harlem	120	....	....	....	....
Hannibal & St. Joe	....	25½	....	....	25
Atlantic & Pac. pref.	....	....	....	....	16½
Iron Mountain	25¾	....	25⅝	....	25⅜
C. C. & I. C	9	....	9⅛	....	9⅛
C., C., C. & I	97	....	....	....	....
Tennessee, old	....	....	....	....	76
Tennessee, new	....	....	....	....	76
South Carolina, Apr	....	....	....	....	35
South Carolina, July	....	....	....	....	25
Missouri 6's	....	....	97½	....	97¼

—The following is a report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Central, sales	52⅝	....
Pennsylvania Central scrip, sales	105½	....
Reading, sales	55	....
United Co.'s of New Jersey	129¾	....
Oil Creek, sales	8½	....
Lehigh Valley	62	62¼
Allegheny Valley	91	....
Central Transportation	44	44½
Empire Transportation	55	....
Pitts. Cin. & St. Louis, m. b	....	74½
Gold	....	111⅝

GENERAL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURG COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1874.

The general report of business in the wholesale and jobbing line, at present is one of dullness. The demand for all classes of goods is limited, and in many departments of trade it is largely absorbed by dealers who are able either by superior enterprise, or sometimes by undoubted sacrifices, to sell at closer figures than the majority. Such a state of affairs of course causes complaints, to be made generally, and makes trade appear to some, much more stagnant than it really is. However, the volume of transactions is at present quite small in most branches of business, and there does not seem to be much probability of any marked improvement before the close of the year.

Trade in breadstuffs is not an exception to the general rule; although the jobbing trade in flour is reported active, wholesale transactions are very limited. Prices of flour do not show much signs of improvement, although relatively lower than the prices of wheat. The grain market shows a general disinclination on the part of buyers to purchase beyond immediate wants, and as a consequence, transactions are light, with corn and oats rather drooping in price. Wheat is strong and firm. Hay is weak and lower.

In produce the trade in some classes of goods, such as game and poultry, is much below what is usually expected at this season. Trade generally is rather unsatisfactory.

Provisions are dull, the activity usual at this season being checked by the high prices prevailing. It seems to be the settled policy of jobbers and retailers not to purchase beyond the most pressing and immediate consumptive wants, until prices shall come down to a more satisfactory range. The efforts of the granger interest at the Western supply points to manipulate the market so as to keep prices up, have so far met with more success than might have been looked for, but notwithstanding their manœuvres, the range of prices at those points is lower now than it was three weeks ago, and the tendency is still downward.

In groceries there is little new to note. Some leading houses report an active and even driving trade at close figures. Others stigmatise the past week as a very dull one. The general report is one of dullness, and our observations lead to the belief that the volume of transactions in the grocery trade is quite limited.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce by rail and river since our last, are as follows:

Flour, bbls	1,690	Apples, bbls	155
Corn, sks	780	Wheat, sks	170
Barley, sks	192	Rye, sks	340
Oats, sks	1,110	Butter, pkgs	45
Bacon tcs	15	Hay, bales	195

The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce during the past two weeks:

	Last week.	This week.	Total.
Flour, bbls	12,283	10,018	22,301
Apples, bbls	1,290	1,462	2,752
Cheese, bxs	1,093	849	1,942
Corn, sks	5,880	9,135	15,015
Wheat, sks	1,783	3,547	5,330
Barley, sks	8,962	5,716	14,678
Rye, sks	2,730	1,760	4,490
Oats, sks	9,388	17,042	26,430
Butter, pkgs	336	360	696
Bacon, pcs	11,662	3,733	15,495
Bacon, tcs	420	300	720
Potatoes, bush	2,220	2,430	4,650
Hay, bales	1,823	2,117	3,940

The following quotations are prices realized on wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Sales of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator:

GRAIN, FLOUR AND FEED.

GRAIN—The receipts during the past week are somewhat increased, being 93,000 bushels, against 71,745 bushels the previous week. The market is rather dull and buyers seem to be inclined to hold off. There was a moderate attendance at the Corn and Produce Exchange this morning, but few buyers were present, and we learned of no important transactions.

Wheat—The market for wheat is very firm, and the tendency is toward higher figures, although without quotable change as yet. Millers urge, with much justice, that wheat is now relatively higher than the product, and as there does not seem to be much probability of an advance in flour, that they cannot give better prices for wheat. There is not a very large stock offering at present, most of the arrivals being consigned to millers direct. We learn of a lot of about 30,000 bushels of Kentucky wheat that is on the way to this city, but not yet arrived. We quote choice Kentucky white wheat at $1 35@138 ₩ bushel; extra Michigan white $1 25@1 27; Ohio and Illinois ditto $1 20@1 23; Ohio and Pennsylvania red wheat $1 16@1 18. Receipts for the last week are 8,867 bushels, against 4,345 the preceding week.

Corn—The demand for corn is not very strong now and at present the market is dull and drooping. Very considerable sales were made to arrive in the early part of the month, and the deliveries on these sales are furnishing a large share of the present supplies. The market is fairly quotable as follows: Shelled corn 75@77c ₩ bushel for high-mixed and yellow; 75@76 for low-mixed. Ear is in fair supply but light demand with prices easy; on 'Change to-day 76c was bid and 78c asked. The market is quotable at about 75@78c on track. Three cars were offered to-day, deliverable in January at 75c on track. Receipts are increasing being 22,857 bushels for the past week, against 14,700 for the preceding week.

Oats—In the market for oats, there is not a very brisk demand in proportion to the receipts which are considerably increased. The downward tendency of the past few days has resulted in a decline from last week's prices of ½@1c per bushel. We note a sale by an outside party to a dealer, of two cars at 64c ₩ bushel which is rather below the market range. We also note sales of 1 car at 64½ and 7 cars at 65c to arrive. The market is quotable at 64½@65½c for white; 63@64c for mixed. Receipts during the past week are 42,605 bushels against 24,470 bushels the previous week.

Barley—Arrivals of barley have been liberal during the past week, although something of a decrease on the week previous, being 14,290 bushels against 22,405. The market here however was comparatively inactive as nearly all the receipts were consigned to brewers directly, having been purchased by them to arrive and in the Western markets. We quote at $1 25@1 30 for No. 1 fall; $1 35@1 40 for No. 2do; $1 50@1 60 for No. 1 do; spring barley is quoted at $1 40@1 50 ₩ bushel.

Rye—There have been rather light receipts of rye during the past week, amounting to 4,400 bushels. The market is somewhat stronger, and is quotable at $1 00@1 12 ₩ bushel.

FLOUR—With heavy offerings from outside parties and large receipts—amounting to 22,301 barrels for the past two weeks—the market does not gain in strength and prices continue dull and depressed. As a consequence, trade in round lots is slow and unsatisfactory. The jobbing business is more active and a fair trade is reported. The following are the wholesale prices of the local millers: No. 1 white wheat flour $7 20 ₩ bbl; No. 1 amber wheat do $6 50; red wheat flour $6 10; in sacks 30c off ₩ bbl. The jobbing prices of leading dealers are as follows: Choice brands of white winter wheat flour $6 00@6 25; Wisconsin $5 75; Minnesota $5 75@6 00; red winter wheat flour $5 75@6 00; rye flour $5 75; Graham flour $5 75; self-raising flour in 6 lb packages, $6 25 ₩ doz packages; corn meal, old $3 75; new $3 40@3 50; oat meal $7 75@8 00.

HAY—The market is dull and we note the purchase of lower prices—a decline having taken place of 75c@$1 00 ₩ bushel. The week's receipts are 2,117 bales against 1,823 the preceding week. We quote prime timothy, on track, at $22 50@23 50 ₩ ton; No. 2 do $20 00@21 00; inferior $15 00@18 00; baled hay from store is quoted at $24 00@25 00. Loose hay is selling at $28 00@30 00 for No. 1; $25 00@27 00 for No. 2. Straw is quoted at $15 00@16 00 ₩ ton.

MILL FEED—Bran is steady at $1 05@1 10 ₩ cwt; shorts at $1 30@1 40 ₩ cwt; middlings $1 55@1 65 ₩ cwt; chopped feed $1 70@1 80 ₩ cwt; oil meal $1 90@2 00 ₩ cwt.

GROCERIES.

In the grocery trade there is a rather limited demand and the majority of the wholesalers, and jobbers report a dull trade. Some houses report more activity and in some cases a driving business is done; but these are the exceptions, and the aggregate volume is rather limited. Coffees are steady, and a firmer tone is reported in the Eastern markets. Sugars are easier, and there is talk by some dealers of a decline. New Orleans molasses has been moving freely at easy prices. We quote as follows:

Green Coffees. ₩ lb.		*Spices.*	
Fancy	24½c	Cloves, ₩ lb	55 c
Choice	23½c	Allspice, ₩ lb	17½@18½c
Prime	22 c	Casia ₩ lb	40 @45 c
Good	20 c	Nutmegs, ₩ lb	$1 35@1 40
Java	33 c	Pepper, ₩ lb	27 @28 c
Roasted Coffees.		*Molasses.*	
Rio, in papers	25½@26 c	Strictly ch'c N O	73c
Rio, in bulk	25 @25½c	Prime	70c
Java	37 c	Good	68c
Sugars.		*Syrups.*	
Standard A	10½c	Ex. white drips	75c
Standard B	10⅜c	Sugar drips	65c
Standard extra C	[illegible]	*Raisins.*	
Standard hards	11½c	Layers, ₩ bx	$3 40
Franklin extra C	9¾c	Valentia, ₩ lb	11½c
American extra C	9¾c	Currants	7½c
New Orleans	8¼@9½c	Prunes	13 @13½
Teas.		*Starch.*	
Young Hyson	50c@$1 00	Common	5 c
Gunpowder	50c@ 1 25	Silver gloss	9½c
Imperial	50c@ 1 00	Corn	10½c
Japan	55c@ 1 00	*Soda.*	
Oolong	25c@ 85	Bi-carb, ₩ 10 lb kgs	6c
Fancy	1 00	Bi-carb, ₩ lb papers	8c
Souchong	25c@ 85	*Candles.*	
Rice.		Star, full weight	18c
Choice Carolina	8½c	Stearine	15c
Patna	7½@8 c		
Rangoon	7½c		

The New York *Bulletin* says: "There has been, on the whole, a rather firmer market for Rio coffee during the week under review, but, as regards actual business, there has been but very little improvement on last week. The receipt, on Wednesday, of a cable dispatch from a house in Rio Janeiro, reporting a falling off in the average daily receipts of that market to 9,500 bags, had the effect of stimulating both trade and prices here to some extent, and the quotations were advanced ½c. The news referred to was followed, on Thursday, however, by the usual weekly dispatch from Wright & Co., giving the average daily arrivals there at a larger quantity—11,500 bags—and, moreover, quoting a decline to 8$700, with a stock of 275,000 bags, against 240,000 bags on December 2. This did not represent quite as encouraging a state of affairs at Rio as was supposed existed, and a decline of 1c here was the result. The same cable reported the market there very firm at the decline, or a more marked reaction might have taken place. As it was, however, the demand fell off, and the week closed with a dull and nominal market. The jobbing business was at one time pretty brisk, but has not been so active latterly."

PROVISIONS.

The trade continues rather quiet, as nearly every one seems determined to hold off until the ring, which is manipulating the Western markets, shall have broken, and lower prices shall have been established. The course of the markets is toward lower prices, but no particular changes have taken place in quotations here as yet. Receipts of new meats are comparatively light for this season of the year, but a considerable portion of the supply has been obtained from home manufacture. The receipts for the past two weeks were 15,405 pieces, and 720 tierces.

BACON—The market is easy. We quote shoulders at 10½@10¾c ₩ lb; rib sides are quoted at 14@14½c; clear rib sides 14¾c; clear sides 15c. The stock of all grades of sides is very light.

HAMS—There is a fair supply, and prices are unchanged. We quote plain sugar cured at 14c ₩ lb, and firm at quotations. Shoulders are scarce at 11c ₩ lb; breakfast bacon is quoted at 14½@15c; dried beef 14½@15c; beef tongues, per dozen, $7 50.

MESS PORK—The market is strong and prices are steady. We quote at $22 50 ₩ bbl.

LARD—There is a fair amount of lard coming in and the market is steady. We quote prime lard, refined for summer use, in tierces, ₩ lb, 15c; half bbls do 15½c; buckets, do 16c; in 3-lb caddies, do 17½c; in 5-lb caddies do. 17¼c; in 3-lb pails, do 18c; in 5-lb pails, do 17¾c; in 6-lb do. 17½c.

LARD OIL—There is rather a slack inquiry for lard oil, and we quote extra No. 1 winter strained at $1 07@1 10 ₩ gallon.

TALLOW—Sales at 8@9c ₩ lb, for choice, and 7@7½c for medium. Demand good and market firm.

DRESSED HOGS—The supply is fair, and prices are tending downward. We quote at 8@8½c ₩ lb.

The circular of Eggleston, Henness & Co., of Chicago, says: "Although the receipts of hogs in our market fell off materially since the 14th inst., buyers show less will to take hold, even at a gradual decline of 35@45c ₩ 100 lbs gross, and packing during the week has progressed at a much slower rate. In addition, considerable distrust in the stability of values of product on the part of legitimate buyers, warned packers of the risk of relying on an artificial support of prices by speculative confidence in the future, while the order demand for home consumption is assuming a more limited scale, and the export movement is greatly restricted to shipments of produce from first hands, who pack exclusively for British account. The light European demand for heavy mess and the intense speculation in mess pork and lard have turned the attention of packers to largely manufacturing the latter articles, and there is no doubt that the supply held here must be out of proportion to other products. Moreover, liberal amounts of country product are seeking sale on our market, and all these influences combined to develop more uncertainty of future prices. Many packers began to show greater disposition to meet views of buyers of meats for shipment; speculative holders of mess pork and lard under the situation became more anxious to realize; operators interested in lower prices were again encouraged to force a further decline by liberal offerings for future delivery, and the result of all this was a depression of cash mess pork to $19 20; seller February $19 55; seller March $19 90; cash lard to 13½c; seller February 13c; seller March 13¾c, while meats were weakened about ⅛c on nearly all descriptions. This pressure, however, subsided, and gave way to a quite sudden and sharp reaction, which, it may be well to note, was most effective on product for future rather than present delivery. With this recovery of prices, packers have again commenced buying hogs more freely, at some advance on good heavy lots. Whether the reaction will prove to be a healthy one, or only a temporary character, will be decided at no distant day."

Below we give the comparative movement of provisions from the Chicago market:

Receipts.	Week ending 11th.	Same week 1873.	Since Nov. 1, 1874.	Same period 1873.
Pork, bbls	706	4,022	6,367	8,402
Lard, lbs	756,624	1,021,090	3,650,851	4,011,140
Meats, lbs	1,855,198	5,327,931	7,828,668	12,125,386
Shipments.	Week ending 11th.	Same week 1873.	Since Nov. 1, 1874.	Same period 1873.
Pork, bbls	5,877	4,458	41,952	49,663
Lard, lbs	2,953,913	3,453,294	17,165,259	20,993,107
Meats, lbs	11,519,381	18,834,188	50,545,152	70,678,994

The foreign exports from seaboard ports from October 28th to December 5, 1874, were 21,700 bbls of pork, 13,814,716 lbs lard, and 21,107,906 lbs meats, against 39,635 bbls pork, 26,401,906 lbs lard and 38,310,494 lbs meats for the same time 1873, a decrease of 33,191,541 lbs so far.

Oswego Market.

OSWEGO, December 16.—Wheat quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee club $1 22; extra white Michigan $1 40. Corn steady; new high mixed 92c. Barley quiet and unchanged.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, December 16.—Flour dull and nominal. Wheat dull; extra $1 15¼. Corn quiet at 74c. Oats quiet at 55½@57½c.

Indianapolis Market.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 16.—Flour, grain and provisions quiet and unchanged. Hogs $6 50@6 75.

PITTSBURGH LIVESTOCK MARKET

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1874.

The run of stock so far, is reported at 301 cars of cattle, 198 cars of hogs and 69 cars of sheep. Although the run of cattle was somewhat in excess of that of last week, the supply was somewhat lighter, as the pens had been entirely cleared, and the market showed a material improvement. The market for hogs was steady, and as yet there is no indication of the lowering in prices which the dealers in the product are expecting. The run of sheep was light and as a consequence the market was firm with an advance of 25c per cwt, and the demand was brisk.

Cattle.

The cattle market was a decided improvement over last week. Prices were advanced fully 25c per 100 lbs on all grades, and business was quite brisk, as the supply was much lighter than it has been for some time. Buyers bought readily, as they were doubtful whether there would be enough in the market to supply the demand. There were forty-two cars in the market less then there was last week, and the sales were about 600 head less. Good cattle were in better supply, as this kind is generally shipped in before the holidays. Our quotations are as follows:

Choice, 1,400 lbs steers	$6 25@6 50
Choice, 1,300 lbs steers	6 00@6 25
Choice, 1,200 lbs steers	5 50@5 75
Choice, 1,100 lbs steers	5 00@5 25
Choice, 1,000 lbs steers	4 25@4 75
Stockers	2 50@4 25
Bulls	2 25@3 25

Hogs.

The hog market has been working very steadily for the last week, as packers are busy now in the West. Prices appear to have settled down, and there are no more such violent fluctuations as there were early in the season. The run was just about the same as it was last week, and there appeared to be just enough to keep the market working easily and smoothly. We quote as follows:

Best Philadelphias	$7 50
Yorkers	6 60@6 80
Old sows, boars and stags	5 00

Sheep.

The run of sheep was twenty-three cars less than last week, and as buyers were all anxious to purchase, prices were run up at least 25c per 100 lbs, with a fair prospect of remaining firm for next week. We quote as follows:

Extra 100 to 110 lbs	$6 00@6 12
Good 90 to 100 lbs	5 50@5 75
Fair 80 to 85 lbs	4 00@4 25
Common 70 to 75 lbs	3 50@3 75

SALES AND PURCHASES.

We give below a statement of sales and purchases made by leading dealers from which a view of the number of transactions, the prices obtained for stock, and the weight and class of stock sold may be obtained at a glance.

Cattle.

SADLER, HAVENS & CO. SOLD.

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
15	12,550	$3 00	3	2,820	$3 25
10	8,970	3 60	22	21,800	3 00
18	19,050	5 00	19	20,000	4 90
23	9,790	3 50	2	1,550	3 00
2	2,600	4 75	17	16,430	4 50
17	22,030	4 50	14	22,200	7 00
1	2,330	7 00	1	1,560	6 00
17	21,280	5 60	15	21,270	6 62
9	13,210	6 00	7	7,670	4 75
17	15,720	4 50	3	3,000	4 50
22	21,920	4 30	35	40,760	5 00
15	20,480	6 37	16	18,060	5 62
3	3,520	5 62	33	37,770	5 62
16	18,560	5 62	18	18,220	5 35
15	21,190	6 00	10	14,740	5 55
6	4,930	3 65	2 bulls	2,570	3 00
2	1,890	3 12	18	17,920	3 50
23	22,100	4 75	16	18,180	4 10
2	1,570	3 00	18	20,460	5 62

HEDGES, HUFF & CO. SOLD.

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
17	17,310	$5 70	3	2,660	$4 00
2	3,660	5 75	17	19,290	5 25
17	17,580	4 62	34	40,430	5 50
51	59,600	5 10	19	21,100	4 50
23	20,000	2 75	14	19,200	5 50
4	4,170	4 25	20	21,420	4 50
73	73,290	4 75	24	21,140	3 30
30	36,580	5 62	3	4,340	4 00
2	4,970	4 00	19	20,590	4 50
1	1,030	3 50	21	16,590	3 87
16	12,300	3 25	4	3,350	3 00
3	23,010	3 50	13	14,200	4 75
2	1,050	4 75	2	2,600	....
17	20,120	4 60	18	15,520	4 00
33	36,870	4 75	5	5,340	5 25
4	3,220	8 37	17	12,490	4 05
4	3,230	3 75	17	15,650	3 00
19	19,670	4 75	17	18,680	4 75
1	1,000	3 50	20	16,200	3 75
4	5,150	5 37	16	14,490	3 84
4	4,560	3 00			

ENSIGN NEWTON SOLD.

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
19	35,160	$6 60	1	1,300	$3 25
1	1,520	5 50	1	1,470	3 50
2	2,040	4 50	1	1,090	3 50
6 bulls	7,170	3 50	1 bull	1,190	3 50
2	1,670	3 75	20	16,750	3 65
7	5,490	3 00	1 cow	1,190	3 25
8	6,250	4 00	23	20,100	3 40
8	6,900	4 00	15	16,280	4 50
19	20,050	4 25	1 bull	1,650	4 50
21	20,910	4 60			

Hogs.

HEDGES, HUFF & CO. SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
294	22,250	$6 65	20	5,028	$7 40
28	7,360	7 26	28	6,090	7 00
35	7,380	6 60	74	12,300	6 60
35	10,080	7 40	111	21,000	6 50
74	13,180	6 55	26	7,030	7 05
59	13,170	6 60	38	10,020	7 50
150	10,240	6 65	55	13,520	7 00
19	19,850	6 55	13	1,010	7 00
23	5,250	6 65	29	7,260	7 30
43	12,020	7 65	23	5,090	6 60
52	10,300	6 65	70	19,290	7 45
50	10,950	6 65	44	10,600	7 35
84	12,830	6 60	79	12,200	6 60
81	10,170	6 50	18	5,920	7 65
63	11,320	6 60	27	6,460	6 65
82	15,340	6 65	75	17,290	6 90
42	9,880	7 25	71	16,200	6 50
68	18,300	7 65	57	11,320	6 60
60	15,520	7 50	98	21,500	6 75
108	21,750	6 80	30	6,270	6 50
52	10,190	6 65	154	40,380	7 65
78	15,610	6 65	25	5,850	7 25
33	8,810	7 30	16	3,790	7 00
128	23,600	6 75	23	5,330	7 25
75	19,430	7 40	64	13,260	6 70
49	11,750	7 00	116	24,020	6 70
145	25,940	6 80	61	12,010	6 70
127	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7 45
17	2,390	6 75	52	12,490	6 80
30	7,510	7 40	33	7,550	6 85
72	10,030	6 60	71	14,680	7 10
51	10,600	6 70	64	13,470	7 30
50	9,620	6 65	24	7,360	7 50
38	11,650	7 50	58	12,280	6 70
52	7,290	6 50	122	25,530	6 80
76	2,295	7 50	108	28,640	7 85
60	17,180	7 45	21	4,820	6 80
156	25,920	6 70	76	22,450	7 00
36	7,130	6 85	86	25,380	6 70
31	8,550	7 65	133	23,120	6 75
78	11,550	6 70	45	7,350	6 70
114	23,720	6 80			

VOETTER & BRAINARD BOUGHT.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
62	13,580	$7 00	64	12,610	$6 62
3	840	5 00	137	24,080	6 62
65	13,740	6 62	48	9,240	6 62
67	16,950	7 40	13	3,370	7 50
86	21,810	7 60	1	410	4 00
131	24,270	6 60	49	14,49	6 87
8	2,150	6 60	267	61,19	6 65
39	8,680	6 60	1	52	5 00
3	1,190	5 00	60	12,87	6 65
122	23,900	6 60	57	12,40	6 65
62	12,600	6 62	70	13,67	6 65
146	28,080	6 75			
1	270	4 00	58	11,15	6 55
140	29,640	6 60	6	1,61	6 50
9	2,730	7 50	38	10,39	7 50
56	14,520	7 50	29	7,29	7 30
56	14,100	7 50	53	13,37	7 50
54	14,720	7 60	87	25,68	7 60
49	12,660	7 50	5	98	6 70
54	14,800	6 85	318	46,72	6 37
51	10,600	6 70	140	41,73	7 30
15	3,730	7 40	55	15,91	7 40
49	14,160	7 50	24	6,53	7 40
26	7,560	7 50	20	5,15	7 50
44	3,020	7 45	11	2,73	7 45
30	7,510	7 40	12	3,67	7 50
4	1,250	7 35	50	12,10	7 45
7	1,850	7 40	10	3,01	7 50
19	5,040	7 40	5	1,50	7 50

ENSIGN NEWTON SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
42	10,460	$6 75	1	3	$6 00
1	150	5 25	40	14,4	6 87
7	2,260	6 12	1	2	5 75
4	920	6 75	33	8,3	7 00
11	3,580	7 30	26	5,0	6 75
2	415	5 75	49	9,3	6 75
11	2,320	6 50	6	2,1	7 00

SADLER, HAVEN & CO. SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
7	1,870	$7 50	120	26,1	$6 80
95	27,540	7 50	78	19,5	6 85
151	22,740	6 75	156	22,1	6 70
100	22,050	7 00	36	10,5	7 35
16	3,860	6 75	56	12,1	6 90
79	22,870	7 50	90	25,6	7 50
41	1,230	7 00	11	5,2	6 25
58	13,430	6 75	7	5	7 00

Sheep.

HEDGES, HUFF & CO. SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
198	15,560	$4 25	208	17,10	$4 00
194	17,060	4 55	116	8,90	3 75
93	6,160	4 12	82	5,10	4 75
217	14,400	3 25	98	5,80	3 87
104	6,440	5 25	62	9,90	4 85
208	15,650	4 45	213	15,8	4 45
82	9,550	6 25	47	2,9	4 25
16	1,300	4 37	61	3,0	7 00
44	3,750	4 50	25	2,0	6 25
147	12,350	4 90	57	4,0	6 25
125	17,260	6 25	189	14,4	4 40
18	1,190	3 75			

ENSIGN NEWTON SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
95	8,150	$4 40	97	7,91	$4 30
171	15,260	4 30	169	13,71	4 25
158	13,120	4 75	85	6,88	4 30
100	8,020	3 90	80	7,890	4 30
59	4,700	4 25	38	2,110	4 25
30	2,530	4 50	53	8,050	6 62
33	2,300	3 70	40	7,610	8 00
26	₩ head	2 00	62	8,190	6 50

SADLER, HAVENS & CO. SOLD.

No.	Weight.	Price.	No.	Weight.	Price.
71	4,400	$5 25	93	8,760	$5 25
25	2,560	5 50	357	30,500	4 55
181	14,470	4 10			

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, December 16.—Cotton dull and unchanged. Flour easier at $4 25@4 50. Wheat dull at $1 02½@1 08. Corn firmer at 66½@68c. Oats firm at 57½@59c. Barley dull at $1 15@1 30. Rye steady at $1 02. Whisky steady at 99c. Pork dull at $19 75. Dry salt meats very dull with no demand. Lard dull at 12½c. Hogs—packers out of market; only a few sales ranging from $6 25@7 00. Cattle quiet and unchanged; prime to extra native steers $5 00@5 75; medium to good $3 00@3 50.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 16—The package trade in domestic goods continued slow, but there was a fair order demand from the interior. Brown and bleached cottons, cotton flannels and sattens were in steady request at unchanged prices. Chintz, side band and delaine style prints were in continued demand. Woolens were less active. Kentucky jeans and low grade black repellants fairly active. Foreign goods remain quiet.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, December 16.—Flour quiet and nominally unchanged. Wheat weak; No. 1 Milwaukee 92½c; No. 2, 88¾c. Oats dull and lower; No. 2, 51c. Corn lower and more active: No. 2 mixed, in store, 65c. Rye steady; No. 1, 96½@97c. Barley unsettled; No. 2, $1 27; No. 3, $1 09.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, December 16.—Flour steady with a moderate demand. Wheat dull; No. 2 white Wabash $1 14; extra white Michigan $1 15; amber $1 09. Corn dull and declined; high mixed 72c; seller January 71¾c; low mixed 71c. Oats quiet and unchanged. Cloverseed $5 60.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, December 16.—Cotton dull at 13¾c. Flour and grain quiet and unchanged. Pork quiet at $21 00. Bacon—shoulders 9½c; clear rib 12c. Sugar cured hams nominal. Bulkmeats 7@9½@10½c. Lard 14@14½@15½c. Whisky 96c.

Nashville Market.

NASHVILLE, December 16.—Cotton dull at 12@12½c. Flour quiet at $4 50@6 00. Wheat active at $1 15. Corn steady at 85c. Oats 73c; sides 10½@11½c, all packed. Whisky firm at $1 01.

Memphis Market.

MEMPHIS, December 16.—Cotton dull at 13¾@13½c. Flour firm and unchanged. Corn active at 86@87c. Oats firm at 72@73c. Pork and bulkmeats unchanged. Lard dull; kettle 14½@15½c. Dressed hogs $8 00.

Cleveland Market.

CLEVELAND, December 16.—Wheat, corn and oats steady and unchanged. Petroleum steady; standard white in car lots 8¾c; Ohio State test to 150 degrees 10c; in small lots 1@2c higher.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, THURSDAY, December 17, 1874.

The feeling in the petroleum market continues moderately good, with a fair amount of transactions. Crude oil yesterday showed an upward tendency and there was an advance of about 1@2c over the previous day's quotations for Union and United at wells. Refined was a shade lower in this market for spot and Philadelphia delivery, while New York reported showed a firmer feeling there and better prices asked.

CRUDE.

We quote United, at wells, 60@62½c; do, buyer January, 67½c; do, at river, 90c; Union, at wells, 57½c; immediate shipment, at river, 82½c. Sales as follows are reported from

PARKERS:

1,600 bbls, United, at river	90 c
1,000 bbls, United, buyer January, at well	67½c
2,800 bbls, United, at wells	60@61½c
2,000 bbls, Union, at wells	57½c

REFINED.

The refined market here showed a slightly drooping tendency, and a shade lower prices prevailed for Philadelphia delivery. We quote at 9@9¼c on board cars. December delivery.

New York—Refined spot and December delivery is quoted at 11¼@11⅜c. Quoted at 11½c.

Philadelphia—Refined spot is quoted at city; $1 20@

OIL BARRELS

are unchanged at $1 30@1 35 for city; $1 20@1 25 for country.

[By Western Union Telegraph.]

TITUSVILLE, December 16.—The Courier says: There was a firmer feeling in the market at the close, prices ranging slightly better at all points. Sales:

3,000 bbls, upper road, spot	82½c
1,000 bbls, upper road, spot	83¾c
2,200 bbls, Oil City, spot	82½c
1,000 bbls, Oil City, spot	83¾c
2,000 bbls, Parkers, United, at wells	61½c
800 bbls, Parkers, United, at wells	60 c
1,000 bbls, Parkers, United, b. c. January	67½c
1,000 bbls, Parkers, United, river delivery	90 c
2,000 bbls, Parkers, Union, at wells	57½c

NEW YORK, December 16, closing 15.—The increased amount of freight room available tends to increase the demand. But with somewhat better prices asked, business is restricted. Crude in bulk—sales of 500 bbls at 5½c; refined is quoted at 11¼@11⅜c; cases 16½@16¾c; sales of 2,000 bbls refined for balance of this months' delivery, at 11⅜c; city naptha 10½@10⅝c. Philadelphia delivery—higher prices asked; refined quoted at 11½c.

TITUSVILLE, December 16.—Market firm, with no sales yet, at 82½c.

OIL CITY, December 16.—Market quiet and nominal at 80@81¼c.

ROUSEVILLE, December 16.—Market quiet but firm at 75c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, December 16.—Market dull and quiet at 75c.

TIDIOUTE, December 16.—Market steady at 50c bid; 52½c asked at wells.

PARKERS, December 16.—Market quiet; United 62½c; immediate shipment 82½c.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—Market quiet: S. W. 11½c; crude 8½c in barrels; cases 16½c; sales none and futures not quoted.

Refined Oil Shipped East by A. V. R. R.

WEST PENN JUNCTION, December 16, 1874.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Warring Bros	Wm King, Phila	150
Lockhart & F	Warden, F & Co, Phila	728
Total		878

New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 111⅝.

NEW YORK, December 16, 1874.

MONEY.

Money active and higher, advancing to 5 per cent, with closing business at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6@7½ per cent.

STERLING.

Sterling steady at 484½@485 for sixty days and 490 for sight.

GOLD

opened at 111⅝ and closed at 111⅝, these two prices being the extremes of the day. Carrying rates 1@1½ per cent; borrowings flat. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $125,000. Clearing $41,000,000. Specie engagements to-morrow, steamer $1,069,000. Customs receipts $? It is reported that another million of gold will be transferred to California this week.

GOVERNMENTS.

Government bonds active and strong, closing as follows:

U. S. coupons, 1881	120½	5-20's, 1867	120½
5-20's, 1862	113	5-20's, 1868	120⅝
5-20's, 1864	115	New 5's	114¾
5-20's, 1865	117⅛	10-40's	116⅞
5-20's, 1865, new	119⅛	Currency 6's	116⅞

STATE BONDS.

State bonds steady, closing as follows:

Missouri 6's	97½	Do old	37
Tennessee old	76	Do new	20
Do new	77	N. Carolina old	40
Virginia new	38	Do new	20

THE STOCK MARKET

opened steady and advanced from ⅛ to ½ per cent. Railroad bond steady. Stock which was a slight but soon became strong and advanced subsequent upon @1 per cent., subsequently the falling off on rumors of failure effect that the lowed by a full recovery, ment had received on Washington advices to the increasing tax on Banking and Currency Committee market closed ported adversely on the bill chief interest in national bank circulation. The Union, Wabash, active and strong with the end Northwestern Pacific Mail. Western Union D. Carlisle Lake Shore. Union Pacific a coffee, Pearl & Son, importers of hides and Argentine Cone and Cedar streets, is announced liabilities are large interests at stake in the be ascertained. federation. It is thought the Railroad Company, but nothing definite cantion of a loan of The Louisville and Nashville on a pledge pany to-day completed negotiations. At the $1,000,000 for two years at 7 per holders of the of the bonds owned by the Central Railroad meeting of the stock and bond arranging the Columbus, Chicago and India the Pennsylvania road to-day, the feasibility A committee difficulties now existing with Central was discussed, fairs of the of stock and bondholders with the Pennsylvania to examine into the actions to report company and its connections, Chicago and Sylvania Company, with instructions. The sales of Indiana Central to the rights of the Columbus, 33,000 shares, of which were 15,000 Western stock to-day amounted to 25,000 Union, 9,000 Ohio, 8,000 Erie, 21,000 Lake Shore and 10,000 Union Pacific and Mississippi, 20,000 Wabash, the closing quotations. The following were

Canton	59	Do preferred	56½
W. U. Tel	82⅝	Do pr. Wabash	28⅜
Quicksilver	....	Toledo preferred	....
Adams Express	114½	Do pr.	94⅜
Wells-Fargo Ex	82	Ft. Wayne	....
American Express	62	Terre Haute preferred	23⅜
U. S. Express	62	Do preferred	....
Pacific Mail	38	Chicago & Alton	104
N. Y. Central	100⅞	Chicago preferred	....
Erie	27⅜	Ohio & Miss.	30⅞
Do preferred	38	Cleve., Col. & Cin.	....
Harlem	130½	Cleveland & Q.	....
Do preferred	125	Burlington	....
Mich. Central	81	Lake Shore	80⅜
Cleve. & Pitts	88⅝	Panama Central	....
Northwestern	....	Union Pacific stock	35⅛
Do preferred	61	Central Pacific bonds	....
Rock Island	101⅛	Union Pacific bonds	107⅞
N. J. Central	107	Delaware, Lack.	....
St. Paul	37⅜	Bankers'	....

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, December 16, 1874.

FLOUR—Dull but unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and lower; No. 1 spring 91c; No. 2, 88c cash; 88¾c seller January; 89½c seller February; No. 3, 83c; rejected 78c. Corn—demand active and prices advanced; No. 2 mixed, old, 77½c cash; 72½c seller May; new, 67c cash; 67½c seller January; rejected, old, 65c; new, 63c. Oats steady; 47@47½c. Rye steady; No. 2, 53½@53¾c; rejected 1,95c. Barley dull and unsettled; No. 2, $1 21½@1 22; No. 3, $1 11.

PROVISIONS—Dressed hogs at $7 70@8 00. Pork sold at $18 80@18 90; $19 10@19 40 seller February; closing firm; outside figures. Lard—demand active and prices advanced; 13c spot; 13½c seller February. Bulkmeats dull; shoulders 6¾c; short rib 9½c; short clear 9¾c, all loose, partly cured, spot. Moderate demand.

WHISKY—Steady with a moderate demand at 97c.

LATEST—On Call Board this afternoon wheat closed at 88¾c seller January. Corn unchanged. Pork $18 85 cash; $19 30 seller February. Lard 13½c seller February.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Flour in limited demand; receipts 12,000 barrels; superfine Western and State $4 00@4 50; common to good $4 75@5 15; good to choice $5 00@5 50; white wheat extra $5 60@6 15; St. Louis $5 00@8 00; Rye flour steady at $4 20@5 30. Corn meal at $4 20@4 75. Wheat—receipts extra Ohio $4 65@6 40. Wheat dull, $1 12@1 13, 10,000 bushels; No. 1 spring $1 17@1 quiet Chicago $1 08@1 10; No. 2 Milwaukee Barley Rye quiet at 92@ West. Corn and malt dull and unchanged afloat dull and in buyers' favor; receipts ern, old, 93½@94c in store; white 90c. Oats dull and heavy at 35 8,000 bushels; mixed Western 6 Sugar 69@73c. Hay unchanged. Hops steady @45c. Coffee quiet; Rio 17@ Petroleum dull at 8@8¼c. Molasses—New Orleans 6c; crude at 60@66c. Rice quiet and unchanged; turpentine lemm dull but steady; refined. Leather 54c. Rosin quiet at $2 25@2 33. Spirits dull at 34@35c. Eggs firm at 2ats quiet; steady. Wool firm at 40@65c. Bacon settled at $20 87½. Beef unchanged. Butter and pickled shoulders 7¾c. Middles 04 per bag. 10@10½c. Lard firm at 13¼@13⅝ cheese unchanged. Cloverseed—Whisky firmer at $1 01@1 02.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, December 16.—Cotton dull but unchanged. Flour—demand fair and market firm. Wheat quiet and unchanged in every respect; red $1 12. Corn in fair demand; moderate demand at 70@72c. Oats scarce and market firm at 58@62c. Rye unchanged. firm at $1 16@1 18. Barley quiet; Butter demand. Eggs—demand fair and market 38@50 spot; and cheese steady with a steam 12¼@ Pork dull and unsettled; bulkmeats dull; seller January. Lard closed Bacon dull 12¾c; kettle steady at 14c. firm and lower; nominally 6¾@9½@10c. Greenmeats dull; shoulders 6¼@6½c; hams 10@; demand fair and market firm at 97c bid.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—Petroleum strong; refined 11½c; crude 8½@8⅝c; Clover seed 9¾@10c per lb. Provisions steady at $21 00@21 50. Lard steady at 13½@14½c. Pork steady; Pennsylvania family $5 50@6 25; grades $6 50@7 50. Wheat unchanged. Oats at $1 00. Corn dull; yellow 85c; mixed; white 67c; mixed 64@65c. Whisky dull; $1 01. Butter steady; prime Western 33@ choice rolls 30@32c. Cheese unchanged. Eggs easy; Western 29@30c.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, December 16.—Wool in steady demand with a very firm feeling, and with a prospect of higher prices at an early date. Stocks at all points are quite small for the season; good lines extra and double extra, and Pennsylvania difficult to find and bulk of stocks held above the market; Michigan and Wisconsin fleeces firm and continued demand at 49@52c; combing and delaine steady at 55@62½c; superfine and extra 40@55c.

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK.

Cambria	December 17	Hamburg.
City of New York	December 19	Liverpool.
Republic	December 19	Liverpool.
Helvetia	December 19	Liverpool.
California	December 19	Glasgow.
Cornwall	December 19	Bristol.
Wyoming	December 22	Liverpool.
Russia	December 23	Liverpool.
State of Florida	December 23	Glasgow.
Rotterdam	December 24	Rotterdam.
Frisia	December 24	Hamburg.
Baltic	December 26	Liverpool.
City of London	December 26	Liverpool.
Victoria	December 26	Glasgow.
Periere	December 26	Havre
Java	December 30	Liverpool.
Thuringia	December 31	Hamburg.
FROM PHILADELPHIA.		
Pennsylvania	December 17	Liverpool.
Illinois	December 24	Liverpool.
Nenderland	December 28	Liverpool.
FROM BOSTON.		
China	December 19	Liverpool.
Sarmatia	December 26	Liverpool.
FROM BALTIMORE.		
Leipzig	December 26	S'hampton.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE, PITTSBURGH, PA., December 16, 1874.

The following is the daily report of the stage of water with changes in the twenty-four hours ending 3 P. M.:

STATIONS.	ABOVE L'W W'R Ft.	In.	CHANGE + OR − Ft.	In.	DIREC'N OF WIND.	STATE OF WEATHER
Cairo	7	1	..	..	S. W.	Clearing.
Cincinnati	11	0	−0	10	S. W.	Lt. rain.
Davenport	2	3	†0	8	W.	Thr'tng.
Keokuk	2	2	†0	1	W.	Cloudy.
Lavenw'h*	1	2	..	..	N. W.	Cloudy.
Louisville	6	9	†0	1	S.	Cloudy.
Memphis	5	6	−0	4	S.	Clear.
Nashville	4	1	−0	2	S.	Cloudy.
Pittsburgh	6	6	†0	10	S. E.	Fair.
Shreveport	9	0	..	..	S.	Clear.
St. Louis	4	0	−0	5	W.	Cloudy.
Vicksburg	10	1	−0	8	S. W.	Clear.
Dubuque	4	3	†0	2	S. W.	Cloudy.

*Below bench mark.

Greensboro.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
GREENSBORO, PA., December 16, 1874.
River 4 feet and stationary. Weather rainy.

Morgantown.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
MORGANTOWN, W. VA., December 16, 1874.
River rising slowly, with 2 feet 4 inches in the channel. Weather rainy; mercury 40.

Brownsville.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
BROWNSVILLE, PA., December 16, 1874.
River about 5 feet. Weather rainy; mercury 40 at 5 P. M.

Wheeling.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
WHEELING, W. VA., December 16, 1874.
Weather cloudy. River 6 feet 6 inches and rising. Departed—R. W. Skillinger, Cincinnati; Express, Parkersburg; Granite State, Pittsburgh.

For Additional Dispatches see Fourth page

RIVER NEWS.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived.

Elector	Abrams	Geneva.
Chieftain	Bougher	Geneva.
Geneva	M. A. Cox	Geneva.

Departed.

E. Bennett	Donaldson	Geneva.
Geneva	M. A. Cox	Geneva.
Mallie Ragon	Williamson	Parkersburg.

MONONGAHELA—6 feet 5 inches and stationary.

Boats Departing this Day.

Brownsville and Geneva—8 A. M. and 4 P. M.
Cincinnati...Juniata..........Brennan, 4 P. M.

THE marks last evening indicated six feet five inches and about a stand. The weather during the day was warm for the season. Business on the landing is improving.

THE Mallie Ragon left for Parkersburg on time.

THE wharf is again crowded with towboats waiting for a rise.

COMMODORE KOUNTZ's new steamer is named Charles H. Mead.

THE mail packets on the slackwater leave daily at 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

THE steamer Laura L. Davis, Captain Davis, is announced for Nashville.

WES. DAVIS and Thos. Bobo are piloting the Laura L. Davis and barge to Pittsburgh.

THE packet Granite State will arrive to-day, and take her departure for Portsmouth on Friday.

THE United States snagboat Octavia, Doyle, commander, has gone to New Orleans. She will work from there up, making a careful survey of the river and pulling snags.

THE George Spangler has been laid up at Evansville, Captain Williams having abandoned the idea of his Wabash trip, as there is not water enough in the stream as yet to float a good-sized dugout.

ACCORDING to a telegram from St. Louis, Captain Gould writes from Washington to the Boatmen's Association that *he* hopes to get the steamboat bill through Congress before the holiday adjournment.

THE New Orleans *Bulletin* quotes rates by river from that place, on pound freight, 35@40c per hundred; molasses, $1 70 per bbl. Rail rates on pound freight, 45c per hundred; molasses, $2.

THE St. Louis *Democrat* says: Rates of freight to all points on the Lower Mississippi are understood to be the same as last week, although the base line has cut loose from the organization known as the "Boatowners' Association."

THE far-famed packet Juniata, Captain C. L. Brennan, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville this day. Passengers and shippers bear this in mind. The clerks are Messrs. Davo and Spaine, who will see that passengers have the best of attention.

WALT. of Cairo writes: "The Republic's excursionists were highly delighted in praise of trip, and speak in terms of high praise of the Republic and her attentive officers. It is the intention of the excursionists to present a set of colors to the Republic, and the money wherewith to procure the same was raised before the boat reached this city."

THE crevasses made by high water last spring, in Louisiana levees, are still open, and it is beyond the power of the company or State to close them, the extreme taxable capacity having been reached. New cavings are occurring with alarming frequency, and unless Congress comes to its aid, Louisiana will again see an overflow as destructive as the last, and suffer tenfold, because her means of recuperation is exhausted.

THE news from the upper Mississippi pineries does not show very active progress in logging operations. Advices from the Chippewa say that the snow is about all gone and but little more hauling can be accomplished without more snow. Mr. Braley, who has charge of Messrs. Laird, Norton & Co.'s camps, on the headwaters of the Chippewa, writes that the fall of snow there was not sufficient to allow them to do considerable work. The La Crosse *Leader* learns that the snow is light in the Black river pineries, and there will be a great reduction in the cut of logs.

WEDNESDAY'S Wheeling *Intelligencer* says: The Granite State, from Portsmouth to Pittsburgh, will pass up about noon to-day.

The Forest City, Rees and Market Boy are running on usual time.

The towboat Albion is lying at the wharf here.

The towboat J. C. Risher, *en route* for Pittsburgh with a tow of empty barges, passed up.

The Kanawha No. 2 passed down yesterday with three model barges, loaded with freight.

The towboat Barnard came in about twelve o'clock Monday night, with her furnace burned out. The necessary repairs were made yesterday.

THE St. Louis *Republican* says: Commodore Rollingstone of the aquatic, who is shortly to deliver a lecture on the bed-doin's—or Bedouins, we forget which—of the father of waters, yesterday suffered the anguish of having three molar and two canine teeth extracted in order to fit his mouth for the coming duty on the rostrum. It was Demosthenes who carried a stone in his mouth for weeks to perfect his pronunciation, but Carter has reversed the order and taken out the stones that nature planted in the hole in his head. We notice quite an improvement in the speech of our friend. There is a kind of whistle at the end of each word which will add greatly to the effect of a humorous lecture. Besides, since the topic touches on the Mississippi, he will be able to tell more feelingly the effect of removing snags from the mouth of the river.

THE Memphis *Avalanche* says: In 1868, over six years ago, a squad of masked men, armed, boarded the tug Nettie Jones in this harbor, pursued and overhauled the small steamer Hesper, Captain Sam. Houston, forty miles below here, to destroy a large number of muskets on board by throwing them into the river. The Nettie Jones returned to this city, and the men scattered, to go about their usual avocations. The steamer Hesper was not injured by the maskers, but plied in various trades for several seasons after, until she was finally lost in Red river. The Nettie Jones was subsequently seized at Devall's Bluff, on White river, whither she had gone for a tow of coal, her crew was thrown into prison, and the vessels' owners, besides a world of trouble and anxiety, expended nearly $10,000 to save the tug from confiscation, and the crew from punishment. During March, 1871, the tug was run over and sunk in front of this city by the steamer Great Republic. Several parties supposed to be implicated in the destruction of the arms on the Hesper, were seized, and day before yesterday Judge Ballard, of the United States Circuit Court decided the case in favor of the defendants. It is likely this will be the last we shall hear of this once exciting, and to the parties interested, very troublesome case.

PACKET COMPANY SUITS.—The Supreme Court of the United States has just rendered a decision which will gladden the hearts of the stockholders of the Northwestern Union Packet Company, and a brief history of which is presented herewith. Charles Clough and wife and Euphrathia T. Viles brought suit against the company to recover personal damages sustained by the plaintiffs while going on board the steamer Phil Sheridan, at Reed's landing, in the summer of 1868. The parties claimed $30,000 damages, and there was a long and expensive suits in the United States Circuit Court at Milwaukee, a number of the most eminent attorneys of Wisconsin being engaged in the trial of the two causes. The result was a verdict of about $6,000 for the Cloughs and for Viles $9,000, but in the Judge Drummond's ruling, a remitter of under Judge ered, leaving the Viles judgment $3,000 was entered Monday the Supreme Court filed $5,000. On reversing both cases, and Col. J. is decision son, one of the counsel employed, Davidson company, was informed by telegraph the packet ing the reversal above announced concerning and interest on the two judgments. The costs amounted to over $15,000, and the stockholders can reasonably congratulate themselves over their good fortune, while the plaintiffs are entitled to sympathy on a decision so heavy a loss imposed by the highest court.—*St. Paul Pioneer.*

A Vessel Towed by a Whale.

The captain of the American fishing schooner Sultan which arrived on Monday states that on the Grand Banks, on November, his vessel was riding at anchor with 150 fathoms of cable out. The crew of dories, with two men in each, were attending their trawls. The remainder of the crew who were below, observed that the vessel was moving. On going on deck they found the schooner going through the water at the rate of ten or twelve knots an hour. Shortly after an immense whale rose just ahead of the vessel, with the anchor caught either in his blow hole. After the vessel had been towed for an hour by the fish, and finding the dories were already out of sight, the crew cut the cable. The Sultan then returned and picked up her dories, and sailed for St. John's to procure a new anchor and cable. An incident of an almost similar nature happened to the American schooner C. H. Price, of Gloucester, on the Banks, about eighteen months since. She was towed by a whale for a day and night, when the fluke of the anchor broke, and the vessel was released from her novel predicament.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

IMPORTS BY RAIL AND RIVER.

Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

Mrs Jane Scott, 3 crocks apple butter; ... Horne, 1 bale flannel; T C Jenkins, 110x lamp chimneys; G H Blume, 4 bbls cider, 1 do apples; Wm P Townsend & Co, 32 kgs nuts, 5 sks do; Logan & Strobridge, 4 bxs hardware; James Callery & Co, 79 hides; R Dickey, 10 bbls broom; Head, Carson & Co, 50 sks buckwheat flour, 10 bbls eggs, 1 do meal; D Gregg & Co, 1 sk yarn; Lee & Marshall, 1 do do; E Clay & Co, 2 do do; McElroy & Dickson, 1 do do; Jas H Loh & Co, 6 bbls eggs, 1 bx poultry; P Duff & Son, 9 bbls eggs; W J Meek, 1 car oats, 9 sks rye; J White, Jr, & Son, 1 bbl butter; Frazier, Metzgar & Co, 8 sks rags; Voigt, Mahood & Co, 2 bxs poultry; Arbuthnot, Shannon & Co, 1 case flannel; Jas H Loh & Co, 15 bgs rags; J Brainard, 1 bbl apples; Daniel Wallace, 45 do flour; Geo Stewart, 25 bbls flour; 100 sks do; Dunlevy Bros, 140 sks do, 15 bbls do; Houck, McCague & Co, 200 do do; Arbuckles & Co, 1 box tea; J A Graff & Son, 25 tubs butter, 10 bbls eggs; H J McCracken & Co, 5 tbs butter; James Graham, 1 car oats; W H Graff & Co, 1 bbl poultry; Jas Stewart, 137 sks oats, 110 bush corn; George Peters, 1 car poultry; Schomaker & Co, 100 bags oats; S M Willock, 6 oil bbls; Laing & McKallip, 1 car hay; D Leonard, 1 car lumber; National Tube Works, 2 cars bar iron.

ELEVATOR—W J Meek, 1 car rye; Hitchcock, McC & Co, 1 do oats; Jas Graham, 1 do; Marshall, K & Co, 2 do wheat; Lion Brewery Co, 12 do barley; Scott & Gisal, 3 do corn; W G Miller, 3 cars oats, 1 do corn; H E Camp, 2 do oats; C G Rogers, 1 do; L G Graff & Co, 1 do corn; J M Hemphill, 1 do oats; S B Floyd & Co, 1 do corn; Haworth & Dewhurst, 1 do oats; H J McCracken & Bro, 2 do; McHenry & Hood, 1 do; Morrison & Son, 1 do.

Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad

J B Canfield, 100 bbls lime; Joshua Rhodes, 825 bush barley; Union Planing Mill Co, 1 car lumber; Isaac Leisey & Co, 1 car lager beer; Hartley & McKee, 1 roll packing; B Pflaum, 1 roll leather, 1 coil rope; Lysle, B. & McC, 1 box iron bolts; Weil Bros, 5 bbls whisky; Davis, Chambers & Co, 50 cases tinware; O F Pierce & Co, 1 bx f fish; Head, Carson & Bo, 10 bbls d peaches; R E Sellers & Co, 4 e oil bbls, 1 can in bx, 1 e keg; Mrs M Arbuckle, 4 dressed hogs; Reese, Owens & Co, 1 bx; G G Pennock, 5 bbls 1 oil; Lynch, Rankin & Co, 3 barrels 1 oil; Means & Sweeney, 10 bbls apples; Henry Rea, Jr, 1 do eggs, 1 keg butter; McBride, 4 crocks a butter, 2 bbls eggs; A S Murphy, 3 cut boxes, 6 shellers, 6 wheels; Henry Rea Jr, 8 bbls g apples, 1 dried corn, 2 kegs a butter; Bakewell, Pears & Co, 1 hhd g ware, 1 tce do; George W Backofen, 2 bxs cigars; J S McGee, 2 bbl beans, 1 bx poultry; Jas H Loh & Co, 1 do, 1 bbl do; J Bose, 42 bgs e corn; C Schlegel, 4 tubs cheese; L B Castle, 2 bxs, 1 chair.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad.

Means, Sweeney & Co, 8 sks rags; E Fox & Co, 5 tubs butter; A Riddle, Son & Co, 10 tubs do; Jas Loh & Co, 5 do do; H Rea, Jr, 6 do do, 1 bbl eggs; L Lindsay, Jr, & Co, 50 bbls flour, 200 sks do; Davis, C & Co, 250 pigs lead; McKeown, T & Co, 5 bbls whisky; E H Meyers & Co, 10 tres shoulders; Lloyd, Son & Co, 3 bbls scrap iron; S B Floyd & Co, 1 car e corn; Schellhase & Hartman, 25 bxs candles; J H Parker, 10 kegs pigs feet; Jones & Laughlins, 25 bxs candles; A Guckenheimer, 10 bbls whisky; S Ewart & Co, 15 do molasses; S A Stevenson, 34 do do; C A Warmcastle, 1 car staves; Dilworth Bros, 13 hhds sugar; Carter Bros & Co, 5 bbls molasses; W Welsh & Co, 1 car ear corn; D Wallace, 100 bbls flour; G Stewart, 400 sks do; Luebbe Bros, 45 bbls do, 5 do meal, 200 sks flour; Emerson Stone Saw Co, 1 car machinery.

Receipts of Blooms, Pig Metal and Ore.

The following are the receipts of blooms, pig metal and ore for the past twenty-four hours:

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY, P. R. R. LESSEE.

	Cars.		Cars.
Nimick & Co, m	2	J Moorhead, m	4
Caughey & H, m	11	Wm Mullins, s l	5
Total			22

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

	Cars.		Cars.
Shoenberger & Co, o	2	Caughey & H, m l	5
Lucy Furnace, o	2	Nimick & Co, m	2
Cambria Iron Co, m	13		
Total			24

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CITY MATTERS.

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Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum.	Wind. Dir.	Wind. Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	30.22	22	85	E.	Light.	Fair.
2 P. M.	30.09	38	71	E.	Gentle.	Fair.
9 P. M.	29.98	41	82	S.	Fresh.	Foggy.

Mean barometer...30.08 Highest thermom....42
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Cruelty to Animals.

Officer Michael Dean, who was sent out to shoot the horse turned loose to find its living on Second avenue, has made information before the Acting Mayor, charging the owner, one Frank Lewis, of Allegheny City, with cruelty to animals. It is averred that testimony can be produced to make a very strong case against the accused. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the defendant.

Lecture by Rev. W. H. Gill.

Rev. W. H. Gill will deliver a lecture this evening in the Wylie avenue United Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the "Knox Literary Society" for the benefit of the Sabbath school. The subject is "William, Derry and the Boyne." Aside from the good cause intended to serve, the ability of the lecturer should attract a large attendance. The price of admission is fifty cents.

Attempted Incendiarism.

Repeated attempts were made on Tuesday night to set fire to the Solar Hoop Iron mills, situated on Thirty-fifth street, Twelfth ward. In no less than three different places, at intervals, did the watchman discover flames. They were put out, fortunately, without loss, but no trace could be obtained of the miscreants who had made the attempt to destroy the property. The works are owned by William Clark & Co. The firm have no idea as to who would thus try to injure them.

The Congressional Election on Tuesday Next.

In the Twenty-third Congressional district, composed of that portion of Allegheny county north of the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, and Butler and Armstrong counties, an election will be held on Tuesday next, 22d inst., for a member of Congress to fill the unexpired term of Hon. Ebenezer McJunkin, resigned. Hon. John M. Thompson is the Republican candidate. Tickets can now be had at the Mayor's office, Allegheny city.

The Bown Robber Committed.

Chief of Police Irwin yesterday arrived from Philadelphia, having in charge John Walker, charged with robbing the cutlery establishment of James Bown & Son, Wood street. Walker acknowledges the theft and says he don't care about going through the formality of a trial as he is ready to plead guilty and suffer the consequences. On Walker's person were found thirty revolvers and a quantity of revenue stamps which were stolen from the Messrs. Bown. The defendant waived a hearing and was committed for trial.

Acknowledgement.

The Pittsburgh Association for the Relief of the Poor gratefully acknowledges the following donations, the proceeds of collections taken up on Thanksgiving Day: From St. Andrew's church, by Mr. J. B. Jackson, $161 75; from the First Presbyterian church, by Mr. D. Robinson, $135. A donation of $255, from Mr. Reuben Miller, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee of Public Safety (acting during the rebellion), is most gratefully received; also, $100 from a lady friend. MRS. LEVI WADE, Secretary.

Mayor Fleming to Reckless Children.

Mayor Fleming has issued the following order:

WHEREAS, Complaints have been made at this office by parents, guardians and others, about the very dangerous practice of men and children jumping on the steam and street railway cars, when in motion, for the purpose of stealing a ride. All persons are hereby notified to desist from this very dangerous experiment, or those offending will be arrested and brought to this office. And the police force of the city are hereby instructed to arrest all such parties.

In Search of Her Daughter.

Maria Holt a girl seventeen years of age residing with her parents at Homestead disappeared from her home on Saturday last. Yesterday, her mother appeared at the Mayor's office to make inquiry regarding her. Mrs. Holt states that her daughter left home in company with a young man named Wm. Dickson, crossed the river together in a skiff at Homestead and came down on the Connellsville railroad to this city. On Saturday night Dickson returned to Homestead without Maria who has not been seen since by her distressed and anxious mother. It is probable that prosecution will be entered against Dickson, who, it is alleged enticed the girl away. He should rise and explain.

Resignation of Rev. Scarborough.

At a meeting of the Vestry of Trinity church on Tuesday evening, Rev. Dr. Scarborough tendered his resignation, having accepted the Bishopric of New Jersey. The resignation was accepted, and a committee, consisting of Judge McCandless, John H. Shoenberger, Senior Warden, and Mr. Josiah King, Junior Warden, were appointed to prepare the Vestry's reply to the resignation, and have a suitable recognition of the love and esteem in which Dr. Scarborough is held by his parishioners put on the official records. This committee will report next Tuesday.

After some discussion as to the appointment of a successor to Rev. Scarborough, a committee was appointed to hear certain ministers spoken of.

Masonic.

The following officers for Milnor Lodge, No. 287, A. Y. M., were elected Tuesday evening: W. M., George I. Whitney; S. W., W. F. Ferry; J. W., A. D. Armstrong; Secretary, G. C. Shidle; Treasurer, James Herdman.

Pollock Lodge, 502 A. Y. M., Tarentum, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. M., R. S. P. McCall; S. W., John W. Hemphill; J. W., James Trenary; Treasurer, Joseph Miller; Secretary, C. H. Lee.

AT a regular stated meeting of Union Lodge, No. 259 A. Y. M., held in their hall at New Brighton, on Tuesday evening, December 1, 1874, the following brothers were elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: R. L. McGowan, W. M.; S. T. Reed, S. W.; Joseph Bently, J. W.; R. Steinfeld, Treasurer; A. M. Whisler, Secretary.

Tit for Tat.

Bernard E. Aaron, a clothier on Penn avenue, was charged yesterday, before the Acting Mayor, on oath of Jacob Schilt, with maintaining a nuisance, in displaying his goods on the sidewalk. Aaron was arrested, and after a hearing he was released upon paying the costs and promising to abate the nuisance. Feeling that two could play at that game, Mr. Aaron made a similar charge against Jacob, and produced abundant testimony to show that he maintained a worse nuisance than that of which he had complained. Schilt paid the costs and promised to abate, but complained that it was pretty rough on him that he must suffer for an offense, when the same is committed every day and on every business street of the city. It was hinted to Jacob that he had "opened the ball," and that his present trouble was brought upon him by his own act.

United Presbyterian Presbytery of Westmoreland.

The above Presbytery was in session at Braddock's Field on the 15th instant. Rev. Oliver Katz was chosen Moderator; Rev. J. A. Nelson is the stated clerk.

Rev. W. S. Harper was released from the Buena Vista charge. Rev. T. F. Boyd's resignation of the pastorate of Bethel, Allegheny county, was disposed of by dissolving the relation.

Mr. M. M. Patterson accepted the calls from the united charge of Puckety and Allegheny. The salary promised is $1,000, the field is wide, the prospects good, and we predict a successful pastorate for this young brother.

The following were chosen delegates to the General Assembly to meet at Wooster, Ohio, next May: Revs. A. H. Elder, W. H. Vincent and E. Z. Thomas; Rev. Elder to represent the Presbytery in the Board of Home Missions. Elders, Messrs. R. E. Stewart, James Patterson and J. A. Dick.

In the evening an interesting conference was held on "Temperance as Affected by Religion and Politics."

Mr. W. A. Shaw delivered one of his trials for licensure, which was heartily sustained by the Presbytery as a worthy discourse. Mr. Shaw was granted a certificate to connect with a sister Presbytery.

Braddock's Field congregation was Presbyterially examined, with most gratifying results. This people deserve commendation for the neat appearance of their church, and their faithfulness in meeting their Christian obligations. Rev. J. S. Easton, D. D. is pastor.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mt. Pleasant next April. S. B. M.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed of record in the office of Ralph J. Richardson, County Recorder, December 16, 1874:

PITTSBURGH.

Eighteenth ward—Richard E. Breed to Mrs. Margaret McCafferty, May 16, 1874; lot 20x100 feet on Keystone avenue	900
Thirteenth ward—C. H. Love to C. E. Hill, January 1, 1870; lot 20x91½ feet on Berthoud street	300
Thirty-second ward—Benj. Elliot to James Hazlewood, May 30, 1874; lot 25x114½ feet on Reynolds avenue	550
Twenty-first ward—Chas. Neff to Jacob Reichard, November 11, 1874; lot 25x100 feet, T. A. Mellon's plan	300

ALLEGHENY.

Sixth ward—Wm. Freeman to John C. Couch, November 23, 1874; lot 100x100 feet, Bayard street	4,000
Second ward—Henry Caddes to John G. Caddes, December 10, 1874; lot 15x100 feet on Carroll street	2,500

BOROUGHS.

Verona—Wm. W. Grier to John Hastings, September 2, 1873; lot 25x150 feet on College avenue	400

TOWNSHIPS.

Versailles—Joseph Garrow to John Senner, October 5, 1874; one acre lot in Coultersville	500
Wilkins—New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co., to Bernhardt Vetter, December 15, 1874; lot No. 27, Section "B," company's plan	200
Wilkins—Same company to Henry Osteen, December 15, 1874; coal underlying lot 24, Section "B," as above	Nominal.
Scott—Benj. F. Wilson, trustee to Alex. McConomy, December 12, 1874; 19 acres and 121 perches land	25,000

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THE INDIAN WOMAN'S CLAIM.

Further Proof of Marriage—The Deeds to Bernard L. Meister—Close of Plaintiff's Case.

The case of Bernard L. Meister vs. Bissell and others, was resumed yesterday, before Judge McKennan, the audience being about as large as usual.

Joseph Trombly testified to the fact of the marriage of William Mowry and the Indian girl.

Samuel K. Copeland, a resident of this city, testified that William Mowry, when a little inebriated, would go on about his Indian wife and pappoose, and witness tried to persuade him to bring her to Pittsburgh and "cultivate" her.

Mrs. Margaret Davis, of Columbus, Ohio, knew Mowry; he told her of "his beautiful Indian wife," and said he intended to make his home in the Indian country.

Mrs. Kurtz, daughter of Mrs. Davis, corroborated her testimony. The conversation took place in Mrs. Davis' saloon, in Bayardstown, about the year 1851.

Mr. Seager had met Mowry in this city, and heard from him of the marriage.

Mrs. Eliza Reed, a resident of Lawrenceville, knew the Mowry boys; William was often at her house; one day he told me he was married to an Indian lady, a chief's daughter. Mr. Ewalt, John Leech, and the husband of the witness were present, but they are all dead.

Michael McCullough sworn—Have lived in Lawrenceville since 1845; knew the Mowry boys very intimately; knew of William being in the Indian country; saw him on his return, frequently, sometimes daily; he told me he was married to an Indian wife; others spoke to him and he never denied it; sometimes he would say squaw and sometimes wife.

John Roha, an old resident of Lawrenceville, gave similar testimony; he also said Mowry gave as a reason for not bringing his wife home, that his mother would not be satisfied.

Judge McKennan here reminded counsel that the case was making very slow progress, and that several jurors were here under great disadvantage.

Plaintiff's counsel here offered in evidence the deed of Mary Cub-bah-yah-quit and her present husband, and the deed of John and Elizabeth Isaacs (Mowry's daughter and her husband), to Bernard L. Meister, for their interest in the ninety-two acres in dispute. The deed is dated August 27, 1873, acknowledged the same day before R. Bourrasa, Notary Public, recorded in Allegheny county December 3, 1874; consideration, $50,000. The deed in full was read to the jury.

The defense made no objection to the deed, and the plaintiffs stated they would ask the privilege of offering certain deeds from Westmoreland county at another time.

Mr. Weir then announced that the case for plaintiff was concluded.

THE DEFENSE.

Mr. Acheson said he reluctantly asked the Court to adjourn, as he was aware it was the desire of His Honor to get through with the case as soon as possible. The plaintiffs had intended to occupy the whole of the day, and their closing of the case at half-past one left them unprepared to present their testimony. He thought he could see the end of the case, and if the Court now adjourned to allow them to consult as to the arrangement of their evidence the testimony would be put in very rapidly and time saved in the end.

Judge McKennan—That has been promised so often, but never fulfilled. But we will give you the benefit of the hour and a half to-day and put it on the session to-morrow afternoon. The Court was then adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

The Cost of Making Pig Iron in Western Pennsylvania.

The Uniontown *Genius* publishes some statistics showing the comparative cost of making iron in the Lake Superior region, and in Western Pennsylvania. At or near Mount Braddock, on the Fayette County Railroad, where all the materials exist in close proximity, the estimated cost of producing a ton of iron is only $12 50, as follows:

Ore	$6 75
Coke	2 00
Flux	75
Labor	2 25
Incidentals	75
	$12 50

One calculation has been made putting the cost as low as $11 00, and another where the materials were not so favorably situated, puts the cost at $14 00.

At Marquette the cost is given at $25 00 per ton, and at Appleton $26 80 per ton.

The difference in cost of running forty-ton furnaces at Wheeling, which is considered a favorable place for manufacturing iron cheaply, and in the vicinity of Uniontown, where all freight on material would be saved, amounts up to a very pretty figure in the course of a year, as a moment's consideration will show. A forty-ton furnace at Wheeling requires daily ten car loads of coke, the freight alone on which is $360. Sixty tons of ore at $11 per ton is $660, making a total of $1,020 per day for ore and coke. Putting the cost of ore in the vicinity of Uniontown at $7 50 per ton of metal, this for a forty ton furnace would be $300 per day. Now even counting labor, flux and incidentals, the same at both places, although Uniontown has considerable advantage in these respects, the difference in the cost of running the respective furnaces would be $720 per day, or for a year of three hundred and sixty-five days, would be $262,800. Think of it! More than a quarter of a million dollars per year in favor of the Uniontown furnace; a sum that would pay for the erection of two splendid furnaces.

The *Genius* says: If now the fact be taken into consideration that all furnace companies have their own stores, and furnish goods to at least two-thirds the amount of the men's wages, the above figures might be reduced by at least fifteen per cent., so that a company owning two or three hundred acres of the large coal seam and its accompanying ores and limestone, could safely put the net cost of iron on board of the cars, at from $10 50 to $11 50 per ton. We doubt if this can be equaled any place in the United States.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

A Coal Mine Superintendent Struck with a Rifle Ball.

Yesterday Mr. John A. Oltman Superintendent of the Duquesne Coal works situated at Swissvale, while making his usual inspection of the pits was struck in the right side by a rifle ball and was so severely wounded as to endanger his life.

Mr. Oltman is totally ignorant as to who the would be assassin was, as he must have been concealed from view in a dark corner. A thorough search was immediately instituted through the pits for the assailant, but without success.

Mr. O. has resided near the mines for some time and has a wife and family. He is highly respected by his employers, and all others who have had business transactions with him, and he is unable to account for the assault. He is not aware of having wronged the miners in any way, and cannot realize that any of the diggers are his enemies.

A physician who was called to attend Mr. Oltman fears that the wound will prove fatal.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

Charles H. Johnson, of Millerstown, Butler county, filed a petition for the adjudication in bankruptcy of himself. Referred to Register Shafer, and a meeting of creditors ordered to be held at Pittsburgh.

Blackmore & Nelson, bankrupts, Pittsburgh. Rule granted on bankrupts to show cause why an attachment should not issue against them for contempt, in not filing with the United States Marshal, as directed by Court, a schedule of their assets and debts, returnable on the 22d inst.

District Court—Judges Kirkpatrick and White.

The case of the assignee of Joseph N. McKinney vs. James T. Wood, Chas. A. Wood *et al.*, before reported, is still on trial before Judge White.

In the case of Wm. Berlis vs. Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charles Railroad Company, an action to recover for the killing of a horse and the destruction of a wagon and a set of harness, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for $250.

In the case of L. F. Duncan vs. Isaac Morely, the Jury found for defendant, and certified a balance in his favor of $200.

On account of death of defendant, the case of Huckestein & Baum vs. Hockenmeyer was continued.

In the case of Kuhlman vs. Brown *et al.*, defendants confessed judgment for $744 21, with costs of suit, and stay of execution ordered until April 1, 1875.

In Milligan vs. Milligan & Hersberger, plaintiff took a non suit.

Shettie vs. Hartz was continued, not to go down on the list unless specially ordered.

In Harris vs. Thompson, defendants confessed judgment for $214 20, with costs of suit.

The jury is out in the case of Rolf vs. Dryfoos, an action upon a guarantee for the soundness of a pair of horses. The case was tried before Judge Kirkpatrick.

The case of McCord & Rigby vs. McKeever *et al.*, a *scire facias* on a mechanic's lien, is on trial.

Common Pleas—Judge Stowe.

Fred. Gwinner, for use of C. Howard, vs. Allegheny city. Gwinner had a contract for certain grading and excavating at the Poor Farm, and transferred the contract to Howard. The action is brought to recover a balance of some $3,000, alleged to be due on the contract. The plaintiff claims for extra work, and the defendant holds that this was included regularly in the contract. Jury out.

The committee of John Miller, a lunatic, were allowed to sell certain real estate.

John B. Dougherty filed a libel for a divorce from Emma Dougherty, on the ground of alleged desertion.

Margaret McClurg vs. Samuel Trevor McClurg. Respondent restrained by injunction from encumbering or conveying certain real estate, otherwise than subject to complainant's right of ownership in the premises. Application for a receiver refused.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Collier.

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in the case of Thos. Laycock, charged with larceny by Matilda Carothers.

A *nolle pros.* was allowed in the case of Chas. Miller, indicted for assault and battery on oath of X. Parks.

Thomas Higgins was acquitted of larceny and Wm. Deany convicted.

Evan E. Davis was acquitted of larceny and larceny as bailee.

Joseph Hill pleaded guilty to assault and battery chaged by Ella Reynolds.

John Roads was convicted of fornication and bastardy charged by Marian A. McMillen.

The Humane Society.

The Executive Committee of the Humane Society held a meeting yesterday afternoon at their headquarters, No. 298 Penn avenue. The attendance was good, and fair progress in the work was shown. The report of the Superintendent as to his movements was quite interesting.

THE earnest look and attentive attitude of those present yesterday at the trial in the United States Circuit Court, were very suddenly changed during the progress of the trial. A witness was asked whether he had ever heard William Mowry speak of his Indian wife. He said he had. On one occasion Mowry and he were in a buggy, going from Lawrenceville to Pittsburgh. Mowry said his wife was good and very beautiful, and that he was going to make his home with her in the Indian country. Witness asked him why he did not bring her here and *cultivate* her? As soon as these words were spoken, there was a general—though not boisterous—laugh throughout the room. Even the venerable Judge and staid jurymen were not exempt from the contagion, and they too indulged in a quiet laugh.

BY AN unfortunate freak of the types yesterday, in the article in reference to the Ontario girl, Amelia Allen, we were made to say that she was found at No. 151 Second avenue, instead of another number. No. 151 is occupied by a highly respectable family.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

If the audiences which are drawn to the Opera House by Joe. Jefferson and his "Rip Van Winkle," continue to increase in the same ratio as since Monday evening, they will be too great for comfort before the end of the week. The piece runs very smoothly and defies criticism, always excepting the part of *Cockles*. For the benefit of the artist who carries this character to the realm of inane burlesque, we remark that the persistent scratching of one's head in public is not necessarily funny to spectators, and never agreeable. The part of *Cockles* should be carried along, as an adjunct of the piece useful to fill up the waits, without any offensive grimaces or expletives and with that modesty which befits the station of subordinates. With these few remarks we submit the case to the intelligent jury.

"The Bohemian Girl."

This evening, at Library Hall, the Gounod Club will mark an epoch in its history by the production of its second opera. Balfe's popular "Bohemian Girl" has been selected. The club has been drilled long and arduously by Prof. Tetedoux, and barring mishaps, a most pleasing performance may be expected. Particular attention has been given by Prof. Tetedoux to the training of the chorus, which numbers sixty voices, while Mr. Teorge has been equally assiduous with his orchestra: so that admirable choral and instrumental support is certain.

The Germania Matinees.

The third orchestral matinee of the Germania is billed for Friday afternoon, at Library Hall, at half-past two o'clock. The programme is a good one, including seven orchestral numbers and solos for the flute and clarionet. Seats can now be had at the bookstore of Gildenfeney & Hess, and at the music stores of J. Zweidinger and G. Teorge.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

The Faust family, McCullough and McGarrey, the Freeman sisters and all the stars at this popular theater will appear in a list of new and pleasing acts this evening.

Duprez & Benedict's Minstrels.

Duprez & Benedict's New Orleans minstrels, as appears elsewhere, will give entertainments on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of next week, and a matinee on Christmas day, at Library Hall. Lew Benedict, who heads the list of comedians in this organization, and in fact, in the country, has always been immensely popular here, and will receive a hearty welcome. This is the first visit of the troupe for several years, and everybody will be glad to see them. They introduce a new system for selling secured seats. Their popular prices of admission are 50 and 35 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats if bought before the day the concert is to take place. Reserved seat tickets sold ten days in advance at 50 cents each. For sale at Hale's music store, 103 Smithfield street. On the day and evening of the entertainment reserved seat tickets will be 25 cents extra.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

KAL-A-KA-U-A is the correct pronunciation.

A NEW TENOR has been engaged by Trinity church, to do duty in the chime.

MICHAEL CREELEY, charged with mayhem before Alderman Mitchell, was yesterday discharged.

SUITS of depositors against the Nation Trust Company will be brought up in the District Court to-day.

BY THE ordinance just passed, the aggregate salaries in the City Engineer's office will be reduced $3,400.

MR. JAMES CALLERY is the Democratic candidate for Select Councilman in the Fourth ward, Allegheny.

A CURIOUS item of the receipts at the Fort Wayne freight depot yesterday was a car load of live poultry in bulk.

THOMAS LUCAS was committed to jail yesterday, by Alderman Butler, for trial on a charge of selling liquor to minors.

THE Democrats of the Tenth ward, Allegheny, have nominated for Aldermen, James Corcoran and Ferdinand Smith.

CHARGES are to be instituted against eight saloons, on Mt. Washington, for selling spirituous liquors on a beer license.

THIRTY-TWO married men have found employment at the Allegheny Poor Farm, at seventy-five cents a day and board.

A LARGE door key, of brass, was found on Federal street, Allegheny, last evening, and can be obtained at the Mayor's office by the owner.

AN Allegheny Alderman was before Mayor Fleming, yesterday morning, on a charge of drunkenness. He got off by paying a dollar and costs.

THE Governor has signed the warrant for the execution of Samuel Beighley, in Westmoreland county, on the 20th of January, for the murder of Joseph Kerr.

A CONCERT is talked of, for the benefit of the Italian sufferers by the late massacre at Armstrong's coal works, to be given under the auspices of Fred. Guscetti.

AN OLD MAN named Archibald O'Reilly was received at the Homœopathic Hospital yesterday. He had been struck in the face and an eye knocked out by the pole of a wagon.

MICHAEL LUPERT, who resides near Baldwin station, Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad, was seriously injured Tuesday evening by jumping from a moving train.

TO-MORROW AFTERNOON the special committee appointed to prepare and submit an ordinance for the reorganization of the police department will hold a meeting at the Mayor's office.

THE quarterly meeting of the Sabbath School workers of the Pittsburgh Baptist association takes place at McKeesport on Thursday and Friday. Missions will be attended to on Friday.

THE qualified voters of the fifty-seven districts of Allegheny county lying north of the rivers, will vote next Tuesday for a Congressman. Tickets can be had at the Allegheny Mayor's office.

IT is estimated that enough topers have recently quit drinking to close up one saloon, if their custom had all been withdrawn from the same establishment. This is practical and sensible "prohibition."

H. LLOYD, SON & CO., Kensington Iron works, are running full, paying old prices for puddling, on a contract for agricultural iron. They are taking no orders, however, and will shut down as soon as this order is filled.

A JAR of candy was found last night, in Cherry alley, between Fifth avenue and Diamond street, by Officer Wagoner, who took it to the Central Station House. It was probably stolen from some sidewalk merchant.

ON TUESDAY a circular saw, for cutting cold steel, at Hussey, Wells & Co.'s works, broke in several pieces while making 2,200 revolutions a minute. A large fragment passed up through the roof and fell on the top of a house a square from the works.

THE handsome Cass homestead at Osborne station, near Sewickley, has been sold to Mr. Hare, the Wood street saddler, for the sum of $40,000. The property was improved and built upon by General G. W. Cass, and is one of the finest homesteads in the vicinity of Sewickley.

A NUMBER of Pittsburghers visited Beaver a few days ago with the view to look up a suitable location for the erection of works for the manufacture of patent mill choppers, stuffers, rendering kettles, lard presses, stationary and portable engines; everything, in fact, pertaining to butchers' implements and machinery.

MRS. BLACK, President of the Woman's Temperance Union, while riding in a Wester avenue car, yesterday, had her pocket relieved of a portmonnaie containing twelve dollars, and a card with her name upon it. This is the second pocket book Mrs. B. has lost within a week, the first being taken in the same manner.

AT JONES & LAUGHLIN'S American Iron Works, no puddling furnaces are in operation, nor have they any immediate need of starting them, having plenty of muck iron on hand. The old mill is entirely idle. In the new mill all the roll trains are in operation, except one sheet train, with heating furnaces. The nail mill is not in operation at all.

HELENA HONNINGER, proprietress of a meat shop on Federal street, Allegheny, has been greatly annoyed lately by three little girls named Savine, who loiter about the door, and advise customers not to purchase meat there, saying it is horse flesh and is diseased. Alderman D. L. Smith talks of sending the offenders to court, in order that they may be placed in the House of Refuge.

J. Z. PATTERSON, son of Mr. J. W. Patterson, Court Crier, was badly scalded on Tuesday afternoon. While at work in the slaughter-house of his father, in West Liberty, he fell with a bucket of hot water which he was carrying, and the left side of his face was seriously scalded. It was feared for a time that the accident might occasion the loss of one of the eyes of the unfortunate young man, but the result, it is now hoped, will not prove of so serious a nature. Mr. Patterson is about nineteen years of age.

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... December 16.—Weather cloudy, mercury ... this morning; signs of clearing; on gauge ... River stationary, with 9 feet ... Dixson an ... Iron Mountain and barges, ... and barges, Grey Eagle, J. W. Garrett ... George Rd Gracey. Up—Florence Lee, laid over ... and Sandy. The Iron Mountain ... her cargo, ... evening and added a little to ...

CAIRO, ... Dess dull.

SHREVEPORT, ... December 16.—Arrived—Belle of ... Departed—Jus; St. Genevieve, Memphis. ... and St. Gene Parker, Memphis; Liberty ... inch and static St. Louis. River 7 feet 1 ...

LOUISVILLE, ... Weather clear and mild. ... with 6 feet ... December 16.—River falling, ... inches in ... Indies in canal and 4 feet 10 ... in tow, Pomeroute. Arrived—Brilliant ... Departed—Vint Shinkle, Cincinnati. ... tervals during the ... Memphis. Rain at intervals.

ST. LOUIS, Dece... December 16.—Arrived—Raven, ... Brown, Lioness and ... Ohio river; Atlantic, Cairo; St. Luke, ... Jasper, New Orleans; ... Vicksburg. Departed—river; Brown and ... Owen and Swift, Ohio ... River and ... less, below; Chester, Memphis. River at ... stationary. Heavy ... ain last night; cloudy ... warm to-day.

CINCINNATI, December 16.—River 11 feet 10 inches and falling. ... Weather cloudy and damp. Arrived—Mollie ... Robert, Pittsburgh; Andy Baum, Memphis. Departed—Indiana, New Orleans; Messenger, Exchange, Pittsburgh; Andy Baum, Memphis.

NEW ORLEANS, December ...—Arrived—Commonwealth, yesterday, St. Louis; Belle Lee, Memphis, to-day. No departures. Weather rainy and warm.

VICKSBURG, December 16.—Up—Katie and Cherokee. Down—Col. A. P. ... Kountz, Katie, Kinney, Sam. J. Hale and Paragon. Weather clear and cool. River fell 8 inches.

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... Flour dull; low ... @$5 75; choice, ... ba, but of lower ... Corn quiet; mix... sack and firmer at ... y dull; prime, ... 00 was paid for ... barrels mess, ... $17 75. Dry salt ... @10¾@11c. Ba... ...—sugar cured, ... dull; tierce and ... keg, 15@15½c. ... and receipts all sold; in... common, 5¾@6c; fair to fully ... sold to strictly prime, 7¾@8c; ... in good demand and re... previous prices. Whisky ... tern rectified, $1 04. Coffee ... e, 17¾@19c. Cornmeal quiet

...n Markets.

... 16.—Cotton dull at ... closed steady; sales of ... December, 13¾c; Jan... February, 14½c; March, ... 15⅝@15.13-32c; June, ... 2@15.1-16c. ... 16.—Cotton—de... Good ordinary ... 3¼c; low middling ... 3¼@13¾c; good middling to ... bales. Receipts 11,150 bales. ... 5 bales; coastwise 201 ... es. Unsold last even... heard 115,000 bales. ... nt. Sterling 538.

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By virtue of an alias order of the Orphan's Court of Allegheny County, there will be Sold at the Court House, City of Pittsburgh, on

Saturday, the 2d Day of January, A. D. 1874, at 11 O'Clock A. M.,

the following described Real Estate of William Whitla, late of said county, deceased: A certain lot or piece of ground situate in Killbuck (formerly Ohio) township said county, bounded and described as follows, to wit: beginning at the northwest corner of lot of ground conveyed by said William Whitla in his lifetime, by deed dated May 28, 1869, thence south 8 degrees, east 5 perches along a 33-foot street; the south ¾ degree, east 28 perches to the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway; thence by said road south 57½ degrees, east 5¼ perches to line and of Joseph Dean, and thence north ¾ degrees west 32 perches, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing 151 perches, more or less.

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RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD—

On and after SUNDAY, November 29th, 1874, trains will leave Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows:

CITY TIME.
MAIN LINE EASTWARD.

Pacific Express daily, except Monday, at 2:51 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg at 12:05 p. m., Philadelphia 4:15 p. m., New York 7:35 p. m.

Day Express daily 7:36 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 3:45 p. m., Philadelphia 7:30 p. m., New York 10:30 p. m., Baltimore 7:30 p. m., Washington 9:10 p. m.

Mail Train daily, except Sunday, 8:11 a. m., arriving at Harrisburg 10 p. m.

Atlantic Express daily, 12:51 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 11:1 p. m., Philadelphia 3:10 a. m., New York 6:50 a. m., Baltimore 3:25 a. m., Washington 6:20 a. m.

Philadelphia Express daily, except Sunday, 4:21 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 2:25 a. m., Philadelphia 6:50 a. m., New York 10 a. m.

Fast Line daily, 8:51 p. m., arriving at Harrisburg 4:13 a. m., Philadelphia 8:05 a. m., New York 11:15 a. m., Baltimore 7:45 a. m., Washington 9:07 a. m.

Wall's Accommodation, 6:51, 10:21, 11:46, a. m., 2:41, 5:41, 6:11 and 11 p. m. Sunday, 12:51 p. m.

Brinton Accommodation, 6:06, a. m., 5:01 and 9:21 p. m. Sunday, 9:21

Wilkinsburg Accommodation ... 7:16 p m
Johnstown Accommodation ... 3:31 p m

MAIN LINE WESTWARD.

Trains arrive at Union Depot (city time) as follows:

Mail Train daily, except Monday	1:21 a m
Fast Line daily, except Monday	1:41 a m
Pittsburgh Express, except Monday	6:56 a m
Cincinnati Express	7:41 a m
Pacific Express daily	1:41 p m
Western Passenger daily	6:41 p m

Wall's Accommodation 6:36, 9:01 a m, 1:21, 2:41, 5:46 and 7:51 p m. Sunday, 10:01 a m.

Brinton Accommodation, 7:31, and 8:21 a m, 7:11 and 11:1 p m. Sun. 7:11 p m.

Wilkinsburg Accommodation ... 9:21 p m
Johnstown Accommodation ... 9:41 a m

WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

From Federal St Depot, Allegheny City, City Time:

Mail Train connect for Butler ... 6:36 a m
Express, connecting Butler ... 3:21 p m
Freeport Accommodation, 9:16 a m, and 4:46 p m. On Sundays 2:51 p m.
Springdale Accommodation, 11:21 a m, 6:11, 8:41 and 11:1 p m.
Market Train for Butler ... 3:21 pm

Trains arrive at Federal Street Depot (city time):

Express, connecting from Butler ... 10:21 a m
Mail Train, connecting from Butler ... 5:46 p m
Freeport Accommodation, 8:16 a m and 1:41 p m. On Sundays 9:1 a m.
Springdale Accommodation, 6:51 a m, 3:43, 7:11 and 11:16 ...
Market Train Butler ... 9:11 a m

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FRANK THOMSON, General Manager.
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PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY, CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

On and after NOVEMBER 15, 1874, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, City Time as follows:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Fast Line	13 a m	Atlantic Ex	3:33 a m
Chicago Mail	13 a m	Wheeling Ex	10:53 a m
Clev & W Mail	53 a m	Chicago Ex	12:28 p m
Erie and Ashtabula Ex	53 a m	Erie and Ashtabula Ex	2:43 p m
Chicago Ex	53 p m	Chicago Mail	2:43 p m
Clev & Whg Ex	53 p m	Cleveland Ex	3:53 p m
Pacific Express	13 p m	Chicago and St. Louis Ex	7:18 p m
Wellsville Ex	28 p m	Clev & W Ex	7:33 p m
Erie & Wrn Ex	28 p m	Erie and Ashtabula Ex	11:28 p m
Depart from Allegheny.		Arrive in Allegheny.	
Beaver Falls Ac	8 a m	Leetsdale Ac	6:53 a m
Leetsdale Ac	8 a m	Leetsdale Ac	7:43 a m
Leetsdale Ac	18 p m	Beaver Falls Ac	8:13 a m
Sharpsville and Ashtabula Ac	8 p m	Enon Ac	8:48 a m
Enon Ac	8 p m	Sharpsville and Warren Ac	9:53 a m
Leetsdale Ac	8 p m	Leetsdale Ac	12:53 p m
Beaver Falls Ac	8 p m	Beaver Falls Ac	2:13 p m
Leetsdale Ac	8 p m	Leetsdale Ac	4:28 p m
Leetsdale Ac	10 p m	Leetsdale Ac	7:43 p m
Fair Oaks Sunday Church	12 p m	Fair Oaks Sunday Church	9:53 a m

Pacific Express leaves Daily. Chicago Express arrives Daily. Fast Line leaves daily, Mondays excepted. Atlantic Express arrives Daily, Mondays excepted. All other Trains will Leave and Arrive Daily, Sundays excepted.

J. D. LAYNG, General Manager.
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PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI AND ST. LOUIS RAILWAY, PAN HANDLE ROUTE.

On and after SUNDAY, November 29th, 1874, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Fast Line	2:03 a m	McDonald's Ac	7:13 a m
Columbus Mail	7:13 a m	Washington Ac	8:23 a m
Washington Ac	8:53 a m	Steubenville Ac	9:38 a m
Pacific Express	8:03 a m	Cincinnati Ex	7:38 a m
McDonald's Ac	10:43 a m	McDonald's Ac	2:03 p m
Pittsburgh Ex	2:13 p m	Washington Ac	2:53 p m
Steubenville Ac	3:28 p m	Columbus Mail	12:33 p m
Washington Ac	4:58 p m	Fast Line	7:28 p m
Mansfield Ac	6:13 p m	Southern Ex	2:33 a m
McDonald's Ac	10:38 p m	Mansfield Ac	7:40 p m
Sunday Church Train	12:48 p m	Sunday Church Train	10:03 a m

Fast Line and Pittsburgh Express leave daily. Fast Line and Cincinnati Express arrive daily. All other trains will run daily, except Sundays. Sleeping Cars, without change, to Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

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On and after SUNDAY, November 29th, 1874, Trains on this Road will depart and arrive from Depot, corner Grant and Water streets, as follows, Pittsburgh time:

DEPART.		ARRIVE.	
Uniontown Ac	6:30 a m	McKeesport Ac	6:45 a m
Through Mail	8:00 a m	McKeesport Ac	7:35 a m
Mixed Way	9:25 a m	W. Newton Ac	8:25 a m
McKeesport Ac	11:00 a m	Through Ex	8:50 a m
McKeesport Ac	3:15 p m	Uniontown Ac	10:15 a m
Uniontown Ac	3:45 p m	McKeesport Ac	12:00 m
McKeesport Ac	4:20 p m	McKeesport Ac	2:00 p m
W. Newton Ac	5:15 p m	McKeesport Ac	6:10 p m
McKeesport Ac	6:20 p m	Uniontown Ac	5:40 p m
Through Ex	8:00 p m	McKeesport Ac	7:35 p m
McKeesport Ac	11:15 p m	Through Mail	8:50 p m
W. N'ton Ch T.	12:45 p m	W. N'ton Ch T.	10:05 p m

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ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD

On and after MONDAY, November 23d, 1874, Trains will leave from and arrive at the Union Depot, Pittsburgh, (Pittsburgh Time,) as follows:

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.	
Hulton Ac	6:10 a m	Hulton Ac	6:30 a m
Buffalo Express	7:35 a m	Night Express	7:00 a m
Kittanning Ac	11:30 a m	Soda Works Ac	8:30 a m
Hulton Ac	2:00 p m	Kittanning Ac	10:00 a m
Titusville Ex	2:30 p m	Hulton Ac	1:30 p m
Kittanning Ac	4:30 p m	Titusville Ex	3:35 p m
Soda Works Ac	5:35 p m	Kittanning Ac	5:40 p m
Night Express	8:30 p m	Pittsburgh Ex	6:30 p m
Hulton Ac	11:00 p m	Hulton Ac	7:30 p m

Buffalo and Night Express Trains make direct connection for Buffalo.

Buffalo and Pittsburgh Express Daily—on Sundays to and from Oil City only. All other Trains Daily, except Sunday.

Church Train—Leaves Soda Works at 8:35 a m, arriving at Pittsburgh at 10:10 a m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 12:50 p m, arriving at Soda Works at 2:23 p m, stopping at all Stations.

Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars on Night Express between Pittsburgh and Titusville.

Buffalo Express connects at Red Bank for Brookville, Driftwood, Williamsport, and points on P. and E. R. R.

Titusville Express North and Pittsburgh Express South connect at Red Bank with Train on Sligo Branch for Sligo and Clarion County.

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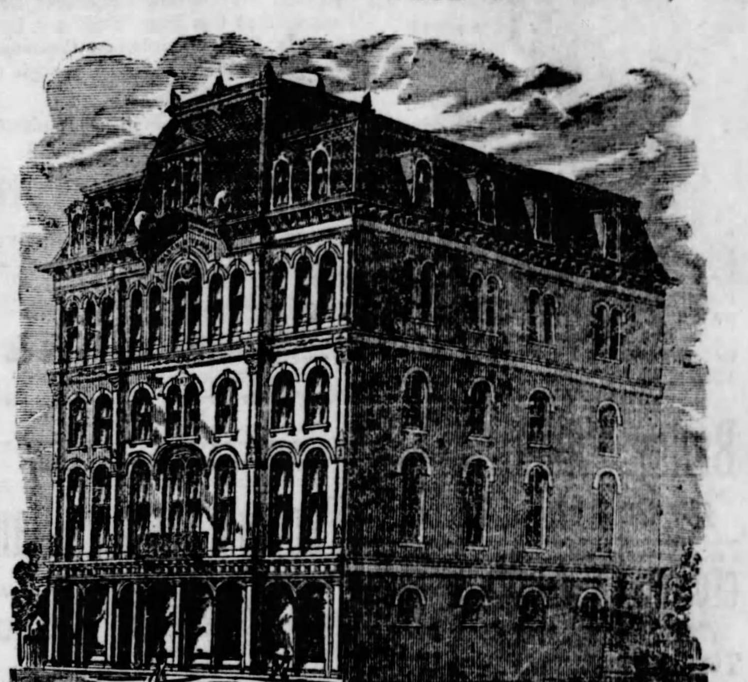

Tuesday, December 29, 1874.

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TO THE HOLDERS OF TICKETS TO THE GRAND GIFT CONCERT OF THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF NORFOLK, VA.

OFFICE OF THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF NORFOLK, VA., November 18, 1874.

The Board of Directors of this Association, feeling assured that the patrons of their enterprise, and the public generally, are satisfied that in its management the interest of all concerned will be strictly guarded with honesty and fairness, and relying upon the belief that all who have aided us in our effort to complete the Masonic Temple in this city are willing to rely upon our judgment as to the expediency of another postponement for a few days, notwithstanding our announcement that the Concert would positively be given on the 19th inst., have decided that a short delay will be more satisfactory to all holders of tickets than to have a partial drawing on Thursday next.

The following reasons have induced us to this action:

1st. While our receipts have been large, they have not been of sufficient amount to enable us to give a full drawing.

2d. A drawing on the 19th would not yield enough to accomplish the object for which the Association was organized and chartered; and

3d. The encouragement which we have received convinces us that in FORTY DAYS more we shall, without any failure, give a drawing, which in its results will be acceptable to all our friends. We have, therefore, fixed upon TUESDAY, December 29th, as the day when the Concert and Distribution will take place, whether all the tickets are sold or not.

OR THE MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED UPON APPLICATION and Presentation of the Tickets at the Agency where Purchased.

By order of the Directors. HENRY V. MOORE Secretary.

The Directors desire it understood that this enterprise is not for the benefit of any individual or individuals, but solely for the purpose of raising funds to complete the Masonic Temple at Norfolk, Va., and is legalized by special Act of the Virginia Legislature (Act passed March 8, 1873), and was approved by the Grand Master of Masons in the State of Virginia, in his address before the Grand Lodge at Richmond, December 8, 1873, in the following words, viz:

What the GRAND MASTER of the Grand Lodge of Virginia said in his Annual Address of December, 1873, in reference to this enterprise:

"During the last year, on application of the Masonic Relief Association of Norfolk, I granted permission to that organization to address a circular to each of the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, asking assistance for the completion of a Masonic Temple by the purchase of tickets to a Gift Concert. My action in this matter was not taken without great hesitation and strong doubts of its propriety. Believing the tendency of such enterprises at least of doubtful character, nothing but the entire confidence I felt in the brethren who proposed to conduct it, and a conviction that it afforded the only prospect of relief from a most embarrassing complication, threatening ruinous pecuniary loss to the Fraternity of that city, induced me to give it my sanction; and, though precedent furnished by this Grand Lodge can be cited to sustain my action, yet I feel constrained to indicate my desire that additional precedent may not hereafter be pleaded to justify a resort on ordinary occasions to this method of raising funds."

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ONE GRAND CASH GIFT			2,000
15 CASH GIFTS,	$1,000	EACH	15,000
28 CASH GIFTS,	500	EACH	14,000
43 CASH GIFTS,	250	EACH	10,750
79 CASH GIFTS,	150	EACH	11,850
250 CASH GIFTS,	100	EACH	25,000
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PAYMENT OF GIFTS.

The payment of Gifts will commence at the office of the Association in Norfolk, Va., on the fifth day after the drawing, and will continue for three months and no longer. After which time a gift not claimed will revert to the Association.

All Gifts not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars, on tickets purchased directly or indirectly at the Branch Office of the Association, located at (Room No. 125) Nos. 78 and 80 Broadway, New York city, will be paid free of charge at that Office, on presentation and delivery of the ticket. The payment on same will commence on the Fifth day after the drawing, and continue at that Office for thirty days only.

Agents are expressly required to make their returns on the 1st and 15th of each month, and all must make their final returns in time to reach this office before the drawing. The drawing will be published in the Norfolk papers and the New York *Herald*, and official copies sent by mail to all persons leaving their address. For Tickets, Circulars, &c., address

HENRY V. MOORE, Secretary, Norfolk, Va.,
Or the Branch Office of the Association,
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